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PREFACE

This book on NAPharm Investiture Proceedings 2025 is the first edition of the celebration of eminent pharmacists and awards to individuals of outstanding accomplishments. It is with great pleasure that I, in my capacity as Chairman of the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy Transformation Committee 2025 join hands to present the Investiture Proceedings in which we honoured these exceptional individuals with the prestigious Fellowship, Lifetime Achievement, and Honorary Awards of the Academy.



The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy remains committed to recognizing and celebrating outstanding contributions to the pharmacy profession. The investiture stands as a testament to the tireless efforts, dedication, and professionalism of our honourees, whose impact has been felt across healthcare delivery, pharmaceutical education, research, regulation, and policy development in Nigeria, and beyond.

The newly inducted Fellows have demonstrated exceptional excellence in their respective fields, exemplifying innovation, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to advancing pharmacy practice. Likewise, our Lifetime Achievement Award recipients have devoted decades of distinguished service to shaping the profession, mentoring generations of pharmacists, and leaving an enduring legacy within the healthcare ecosystem.

As we celebrate these remarkable individuals, we also reaffirm the pivotal role of the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy in promoting excellence, fostering professional development, and advocating for the continuous advancement of pharmacy practice in line with national health priorities.

On behalf of the Academy and members of the Transformation Committee, I warmly congratulate the newly inducted Fellows and the Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. I am confident that their achievements will continue to inspire our members and the broader pharmacy community to pursue excellence, integrity, and impactful service.

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(Vice President and Chairman, Transformation Committee 2025)



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The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy (NAPharm) sincerely appreciates all individuals and institutions who contributed to the success of the 2025 Investiture Ceremony held on October 16, 2025 at the Old Great Hall, College of Medicine Campus, University of Lagos, Idi-Araba.

We acknowledge with gratitude the presence of distinguished dignitaries who attended both physically and virtually, including leaders of other national academies, the Director-General of NAFDAC, the keynote speaker, Fellows of the Academy, newly inducted Fellows, Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, partners, sponsors, and esteemed guests.

Your support, goodwill messages, and active participation contributed immensely to the success of this memorable event.

THANK YOU ALL



THE STRATEGIC VISION OF NAPharm

The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy is committed to repositioning pharmacy as a central pillar of national development. The Academy will increasingly focus on:

- Medicine Security for Nigeria
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Leadership
- Scientific Research Translation
- Global Collaboration
- Policy Influence
- Leadership Development for Future Pharmacists

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1.0 Founding Vision. The vision of creating a think-tank of experienced pharmaceutical scholars and practitioners who could guide the advancement of pharmacy education, research, and professional standards in the country led to the birth of Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy (NAPharm) in June 2014.

2.0 Foundational Fellows. On 12th October, 2014, 48 members of the Academy were inducted as Foundation Fellows, with Pharm (Prince) Julius Adelus-Adeluyi, OFR, mni, FNAPharm as the Foundation President and Chairman Board of Trustees.

The founding members designated as Fellows of the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy (FNAPharm) were selected based on their exceptional achievements in academia, pharmaceutical industry, hospital pharmacy, regulatory affairs, and community practice.

3.0 Role In Policy Development. The core objective of NAPharm is to promote excellence, scholarship, and leadership in the pharmaceutical profession while ensuring that pharmacy practice in Nigeria aligns with global scientific and ethical standards. Since its establishment, the Academy has played an important advisory role in national pharmaceutical policy formulation and health-sector development. Through its Fellows and technical committees, the Academy provides expert opinions on issues affecting drug regulation, pharmaceutical education, rational drug use, and healthcare delivery. The Academy collaborates with key national institutions such as the:

- Pharmacy Council of Nigeria
- National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control
- Federal Ministry of Health



Through conferences, policy papers, and professional dialogues, the Academy contributes to shaping policies on drug quality assurance, pharmaceutical workforce development, and pharmaceutical care practices. Its members often serve as consultants and advisors in government committees dealing with pharmaceutical regulation and public health.

4.0 Contribution to National Pharmaceutical Development. NAPharm has significantly contributed to the development of pharmaceutical sciences and practice in Nigeria. The Academy promotes research, innovation, and knowledge dissemination through annual scientific meetings, public lectures, and professional publications. Key contributions include:

- Encouraging high-level pharmaceutical research and academic excellence in Nigerian universities.
- Supporting the development of pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity and drug quality standards.
- Promoting continuing professional development (CPD) among pharmacists.
- Providing mentorship and recognition for distinguished professionals in the pharmacy field.

Through these activities, the Academy has strengthened the role of pharmacists in healthcare delivery, drug development, and public health policy in Nigeria.



THE NIGERIA ACADEMY OF PHARMACY COMMITTEES

The NAPharm is a distinguished professional body which recognizes and brings together eminent pharmacists who have made outstanding contributions to pharmaceutical sciences, pharmacy practice, and healthcare development in Nigeria. The following committees have been established for its governance structure and activities.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

THE NIGERIA ACADEMY OF PHARMACY ADVANCING THE ESSENCE, RELEVANCE, AND FUTURE OF PHARMACY

A Day of Symbolism: October 16 and the Spirit of Innovation. It is profoundly symbolic that this year's investiture of Fellows of the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy will take place on October 16, 2025, the 102nd anniversary of the founding of The Walt Disney Company in 1923.

That historic day—when Walt and Roy Disney established what began as a small animation studio and evolved into one of the world's greatest innovation-driven enterprises—serves as an enduring reminder of what vision, creativity, and disciplined innovation can achieve.

Just as Disney transformed imagination into a global legacy through storytelling, science, and technology, our Academy is committed to transforming pharmaceutical science into national impact – translating knowledge into innovation, and innovation into wellbeing.

October 16 thus reminds us that from small beginnings can emerge institutions that shape destinies, inspire generations, and build nations. The same spirit of invention and integrity drives the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy as we celebrate another chapter in our journey of excellence.

The Custodian of Pharmaceutical Excellence. The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy

(NAPharm) stands today as the custodian of pharmaceutical excellence—the intellectual, professional, and moral compass of the pharmacy profession in Nigeria. It is a fellowship of distinguished minds whose collective wisdom shapes science, influences policy, promotes innovation, and safeguards the integrity of healthcare delivery.



Founded to recognise distinction and channel the knowledge of our nation's finest pharmacists toward the public good, the Academy ensures that pharmacy remains the science of medicine and the conscience of healthcare – a bridge between discovery and humanity, between science and service. "Pharmacy is not just about medicines; it is about mastery of science, ethics, and service to humanity. The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy exists to preserve that mastery and to propel it into the future."

The Essence of the Academy. The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy embodies three timeless pillars: Knowledge, Integrity, and Service. Our Fellows drawn from academia, industry, regulation, clinical practice, public service, and entrepreneurship represent the finest traditions of scholarship and stewardship. The Academy nurtures and protects:



Custodianship of Knowledge: advancing pharmaceutical science through research, dialogue, and continuous learning.

Ethical Stewardship: upholding standards that protect public trust and reinforce the dignity of the profession.

Service to Humanity: ensuring that pharmacy directly improves health outcomes and national productivity.

Through these, the Academy serves as both a think tank and a moral beacon, inspiring generations of professionals to see pharmacy not as a career but as a calling.

The Relevance of Pharmacy in National Development. Today's Pharmacy transcends the dispensary and the laboratory—an instrument of national transformation. Pharmacists are architects of health security, enablers of industrial growth, and partners in nation-building.

From manufacturing floors to policy tables, from rural communities to international collaborations, the profession contributes to:

Health Security: Ensuring safe, effective, and affordable medicines for all.

Industrial Growth: Expanding local manufacturing and research innovation.

Policy Impact: Driving rational medicine use and strengthening health systems.

Economic Diversification: Positioning Nigeria for regional pharmaceutical leadership.

Through these contributions, the NAPharm amplifies the profession's relevance, ensuring that pharmacy remains a vital lever for national and continental progress.

Optics: Pharmacy as a Profession of Purpose and Possibility. Public perception defines professional destiny. The Academy is deeply committed to redefining the optics of pharmacy, moving beyond the traditional image of the pharmacist as a dispenser of medicines, to that of a leader in innovation, policy, and healthcare transformation.

Through advocacy, education, and visibility, we present pharmacy as a profession of:

Purpose: Rooted in ethics, evidence, and empathy.

Partnership: Collaborating with all health professionals for integrated care.

Precision: Anchored in scientific rigour and digital transformation.

Possibility: Leading breakthroughs in biotechnology, AI, and digital health.

By elevating this perception, the Academy strengthens pharmacy's role as a profession of purpose and power that heals, innovates, and leads.

The Possibilities: Research, Innovation, and Collaboration. The future of healthcare belongs to those who innovate, and pharmacy stands at the forefront of that transformation. The Academy envisions Nigeria as a continental pharmaceutical innovation hub powered by research, entrepreneurship, and digital technology. Together, we are unlocking opportunities in:

Pharmaceutical Research and Biotechnology: Harnessing indigenous plants and natural products.



Digital Health and AI: Using data to improve medicine use and personalised therapy.

Local Manufacturing and Medicine Security: Building resilience and reducing import dependence.

Public-Private Partnerships: Uniting academia, industry, and government in the "triple-helix" model.

Human Capital Development: Mentoring the next generation of scientists and leaders.

These are not distant aspirations but present commitments, actively pursued through the Academy's initiatives and collaborations.

The Future of Pharmacy: Transforming through Innovation and Purpose. The future of pharmacy will be defined by science, technology, and humanity.

We foresee a world where:

Artificial Intelligence and genomics accelerate discovery and optimise therapy.

Telepharmacy and e-health extend care to the underserved.

Green and sustainable practices ensure innovation respects both people and planet.

At NAPHARM, we embrace this future not as a dream, but as a duty to prepare pharmacists for leadership in a rapidly changing world with competence, character, and compassion.

Our Strategic Focus Areas: To realise its vision, the Academy is anchored on six strategic pillars:

1. Advocacy and Policy Influence shaping national pharmaceutical and health policy.
2. Research and Innovation Promotion driving scientific collaboration and excellence.
3. Mentorship and Leadership Development nurturing the next generation of leaders.
4. Ethics and Professional standards.
5. Global Partnerships and Diaspora Engagement.
6. Institutional Sustainability and Capacity Development.

PROF LERE BAALE, FPSN, FPCPharm, FNAPharm
(President and Chairman, Governing Council, NAPharm)



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

OUR FELLOWS RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, AND THE ACADEMY FUTURE

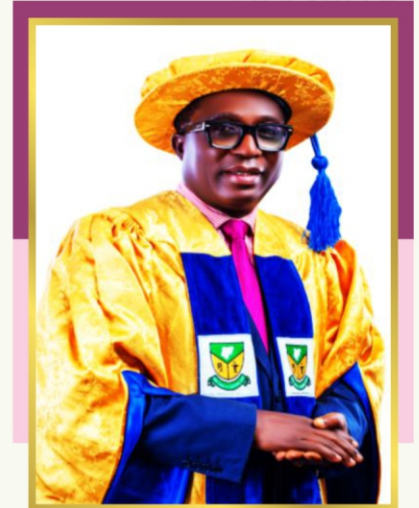
I am pleased to present this documentation brochure thoughtfully compiled by the Chairman of Documentation Committee, which highlights the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Investiture Ceremony of the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy.

The 2025 AGM served as an important event of our Academy, provided members opportunity for a thorough review of the Academy's activities, finances, and future plans. The discussions showed a shared commitment to accountability, strengthening the institution, and continuing the promotion of scientific excellence for national development.

The Investiture Ceremony, held alongside the AGM, formally welcomed newly elected Fellows into the Academy. This important event honoured individuals with remarkable academic and professional achievements. Their induction adds to the Academy's intellectual strength, credibility, and continuity. Accepting this role underscores the lasting values, standards, and responsibilities that come with being a member of the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Governing Council, Standing Committees, and all members who helped plan and carry out the 2025 AGM and Investiture Ceremony. Their hard work and collaboration were key to the

success of these events. I also thank our partners and stakeholders for their ongoing support and involvement.



The resolutions and outcomes from the 2025 AGM outline a clear plan for the Academy's programmes and activities in the next year.

I want to specially thank the Chairman Documentation committee. Prof Udoma Mendie and the Editorial Team for assembling relevant materials in developing this brochure which will serve as a reliable record, strengthening institutional memory and a reference for members and stakeholders.

It is my hope that this publication will inspire current and future members to uphold the values and vision of the Academy, and to keep pushing science and innovation forward for national and global development.

I wish the Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy continued progress and excellence.

Pharm Lekan Asuni FPSN, FNAPharm
(Secretary General, Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy)



EDITORIAL PLATFORM

MATTERS ARISING: 2025 NAPharm INVESTITURE PROCEEDINGS.

This book on the 2025 NAPharm Investiture Proceedings is the first compendium of the Academy's induction and the swearing-in ceremony of its 2025 new Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and Lifetime Achievement Awardees. It is the anthology of the NAPharm Documentation Committee with responsibility to report, document, and archive the activities of the Academy. This edition records the 2025 investiture event, including snapshots of the ceremonial formalities and photographs parade.

The current investiture of 14 new Fellows, 6 Honorary Fellows, and 4 Lifetime Achievement Awardees therefore marked a turning point in the annals of the Academy towards intensifying its drive for self-expansion and repositioning towards pharmacy ascendancy. In recognizing the honourees, the Academy is intentional in propelling the profession to higher heights nationally and globally. Pharmacy practice without a strong manufacturing base, fitting influence in healthcare matters, and socio-economic standing will certainly lose its honour and relevance.

The 2025 NAPharm Investiture Ceremony, though an annual event, was both colourful and solemn. Even as we reminisced on the demise of our Life foundation Fellow, Sir Ifeanyi Atueyi, FNAPharm, and Chief Olu Akinkugbe, FNAPharm, who were very selfless in their

accomplishments and endowments. The pioneering works of our first Vice President, Sir Ifeanyi Atueyi, his **Pharm news publication**, devoted leadership, and exemplary mentorship must not die, but should impel the Academy for enduring pharmacy stewardship. We must support their legacies to remain unforgettable.



As we celebrate the achievements of our new inductees who have excelled in their various fields of endeavour, let us be reminded of the chaotic drug distribution, chronic drug abuse menace, open drug market operations, and infiltration of our profession by charlatans and name droppers. These oddities have for decades tarnished the reputation of pharmacy profession. Thus, we must continue to work with other stakeholders, NDLEA, and NAFDAC to solving these protracted problems. Without that our demands for good pharmacy practice, drug-self-sufficiency, organized drug production, prudent drug administration, and dependable pharmaceutical manufacturing to meet the essential drugs security will utterly fail.

Professional Excellence. For NAPharm, this investiture should serve as a clarion call for professional excellence, innovation, ethical transformation, and a sustainable push for



national development in our healthcare industry. Pharmacists must stand up and fight for our obligations to free the soul of pharmacikon in the body of our healthcare. If pharmacists have a total control of proper drug governance in Nigeria and our ethical conduct is such as to maintain its sanctity, then we are set to fulfill our divine mandate of offering healthiness to a weary population. This is who we are as pharmacists.

Professional Confidence. In all, pharmacists should not wait to be recognized in healthcare affairs, as it is pivotal to our future. We are the most trained professionals in the health industry, yet we always play second fiddle on drug matters, allowing mediocre to dominate on drugs issues. So, when pharmacists or its groups remain silent on topical questions on drugs, it stigmatizes our confidence, dulls pharmacy capacity, and damages public perception of who we are.

No one will speak louder for pharmacy unless pharmacists themselves speak-out for the public to hear, and do what drugs training inspires us to excel. We must cherish the distinction of drugs to manifest excellence in our ethos and conducts.

Driving Pharmaceutical Innovations. The classics to drive innovations to define pharmacy practice should be our mantra for classiness, to ensure the prosperity of the healthcare industry and expand our expertise on healthcare value chain. How much we can stand tall on these expectations will depend on how we mobilize our sensibilities to impact on every aspect of the profession, including the

academics, industry, hospital, economy, commerce, and political leverage to make the practice very central in national discourse.

Indeed, NAPharm's fellowship investiture has been a beacon of excellence in pharmacy profession recognizing the outstanding contributions of pharmacists in all fields. Our progress is a testament to the commitment of promoting pharmaceutical education, research, and professional development. We must therefore remain consistent. The Academy must keep growing stepwise in areas of least impact, including drug manufacturing, wellness center points, and patient-centered deliverables.

Our Focused-Vision. The vision of NAPharm therefore is to nurture a new generation of pharmacists who are knowledge-driven, ethically grounded, technologically proficient, and globally competitive, while remaining deeply committed to Nigeria's healthcare needs. This is what NAPharm investiture portrays for pharmacists to become leaders in pharmaceutical care, research, public health, manufacturing, regulatory affairs and policies driving sustainable healthcare solutions in ensuring patient-centered outcomes across the nation.

Impactful Significance. What does our yearly investiture programme entail except to remind us all of our professional identity, responsibility, and societal expectations vested on pharmacists. At a time when healthcare systems face evolving challenges, political intrigues, and interprofessional rivalry, the Academy regular seminars and advocacies are



arrowheads to make pharmacists knowledge-driven, outspoken, and confident in articulating on national and global health issues. What then makes pharmacists audacious?

Expected Centre-Points. Ranging from antimicrobial resistance and drug safety to pharmaceutical innovation, enterprise, production, and access to drugs, these core centers reaffirm our indispensable role as custodian of drugs, public health advocates, wellness, and a critical stakeholder in Nigeria's healthcare delivery system.

NAPharm Fellowship must strengthen unity within the entire profession and bridge the gap between academic training and professional practice. Through community engagement and interprofessional collaboration, pharmacists are positioned as frontline partners in safeguarding public health and national wellbeing.

Enduring Advocacy. Beyond dispensing of drugs, Fellows are called upon to influence policy formulation, advance pharmaceutical research, promote rational drug use, and champion patient safety. Our responsibility lies in upholding the highest ethical pharmaceutical standards, while embracing innovation, digital health, pharmacovigilance, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical manufacturing as tools for national economy and development. The profession's contributions to public health initiatives, disease prevention, immunization, antimicrobial stewardship, and emergency response are gaps waiting for NAPharm advocacy to fill.

The Academy therefore calls on pharmacists to transition from traditional professional roles to becoming Medicine Security Builders, ensuring that Nigeria develops the scientific, manufacturing, regulatory, and innovation capacity required for pharmaceutical sovereignty.

Legacy of Achievement. The future belongs to those who believe in themselves to excel and having a vision unperturbed by fear. Pharmacy remains the head of healthcare no matter how certain circumstances in our history has made us to believe. Evolution drives resilience for those who have gut to survive. We pharmacists must stand up and fight for the future of drug industry and grow to become giant economic trees in the healthcare ecosystem.

Joining Hands. NAPharm's Fellowship Programme is a prestigious recognition of pharmacists who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the profession. How the Academy builds on these awards will depend on our vision, pragmatism, and drive. But no fellow however old or young should be left out or sidelined. All hands must be on deck and joined together.

Capacity Building. Over the years, NAPharm has remained instrumental in mentorship, professional development, advocacy, and capacity building for pharmacists nationwide. Through structured seminars, leadership grooming, policy engagement, and collaborative platforms, NAPharm has contributed to raising professional standards, promoting ethical conduct, and expanding the scope and relevance of pharmacy practice in



Nigeria. Are we there yet? No, until we have medicine security in Nigeria, producing most of our basic drug needs to elevate our self-esteem and national economic agenda. Otherwise, the respect for pharmacists in Nigeria is still begging for answers. But then the Academy must continue to build capacity, providing direction as a defining strength for leapfrogging into industrial age of pharmacy in Nigeria undeterred by our plaguing circumstances.

Global Outlook. By fostering mentorship networks and skills enhancement platforms, NAPharm must ensure that every pharmacist is well-equipped to navigate the dynamic demands of practice, research, entrepreneurship, and regulation. But then we must use the 2025 investiture ceremony to celebrate our emerging evolution, while recognizing excellence, resilience, and innovation among pharmacists who continue to shape healthcare outcomes locally and globally.

This global outlook will enhance our professional mobility, research collaboration, and advancement, elevating Nigeria's standing in the global pharmaceutical landscape. Our global relevance and professional excellence will raise the bar of competence and innovation to make pharmacists triumph. Cooperating with our diaspora's pharmacists and groups will certainly enlarge our overall capacity to excel.

Looking Ahead. Through visionary leadership, sustained achievement, and

unwavering commitment of our President, Prof Lere Baale, FNAPharm, the Academy will continue to shape a resilient, innovative, and unyielding pharmacy profession; one that remains indispensable to Nigeria's health system today and for generations to come. Our future looks bright if we remained uncompromising in our ethical standards and pursue to fruition those areas that have dwarfed our progress in pharmacy socio-economic endeavors.

By empowering pharmacists with a strong professional ethos and a forward-looking mindset, NAPharm is laying a solid foundation for pharmacy renaissance that is responsive to national health priorities, aligned with global best practices, and positioned as a cornerstone of Nigeria's healthcare transformation. There is an urgent need for pharmacists to rise as leaders and innovators within Nigeria's healthcare ecosystem.

In concluding, our next year NAPharm's investiture ceremony is beckoning, and will serve as a yardstick of assessing how far we have gone towards achieving and celebrating excellence for pharmaceutical resurgence in our society. As the NAPharm continues to grow and evolve, it remains a beacon of light, inspiring, and empowering pharmacists to make a meaningful impact in Nigeria and beyond. Meanwhile, let us take our time to enjoy the proceedings of NAPharm 2025 investiture ceremony presented below.

PROF UDOMA MENDIE, FNAPharm
(Editor-In-Chief)



PROCEEDINGS OF NAPHARM INVESTITURE 2025

The Nigerian Academy of Pharmacy held its 2025 Investiture of New Fellows and Lifetime Achievement/Honorary Awards on 16th October, 2025. The venue was Old Great Hall, College of Medicine, UNILAG, Idi-Araba, Lagos-Nigeria. During the event, individuals who have greatly contributed to the success of pharmacy and allied fields were celebrated.

1.0 HIGHLIGHTS

The programme of event covered the theme: Pharmaceutical Innovation as a Catalyst for National Development. How such innovations enabled by research, regulation, financing, and technology can accelerate Nigeria's socio-economic development was elaborately discussed. The keynote address and goodwill messages stressed the following points:

- Tighter academia, industry, government collaboration,
- Smarter regulation (track-and-trace, global benchmarking),
- Adoption of AI and bio-innovation, and
- Financing and access models that make health technologies available to underserved communities.

1.1 Keynote Address. Pharmaceutical Innovation As A Catalyst For Nation Building by Wale Oyedeji, GMD FBN HOLDINGS PLC.



When we hear the words pharmaceutical innovation, what comes to mind? Is it a state-of-the-art laboratory developing breakthrough vaccines? Is it drones delivering medicines to eliminate queues at pharmacies? Or perhaps artificial intelligence accelerating drug discovery? Pharmaceutical innovation is not just one thing. It is many things. It is science, yes—but it is also business. It is governance, and above all, it is about nation-building. The industry is changing, and if we must remain relevant, we must learn new skills and adapt.

Now consider the cost of inaction. Malaria alone costs Nigeria approximately ₦132 billion annually in treatment expenses and lost productivity, with nearly 200,000 deaths every year. Tuberculosis kills over 150,000 Nigerians annually, despite being treatable. Over 100 million man-hours are lost each year due to preventable illnesses. According to studies by the World Health Organization and the World Bank, low- and middle-income countries lose up



to 6% of their GDP annually due to health-related challenges. In Nigeria, this translates to approximately ₦5.6 trillion every year.

The World Health Organization defines pharmaceutical innovation as the introduction of new or improved medicines, technologies, and processes that meet health needs and improve outcomes. So what exactly does pharmaceutical innovation involve? It includes research and development. It involves technology adoption such as artificial intelligence and digital health.

It ensures access and affordability of medicines.

Globally, we have seen what is possible. In the United States, the development of mRNA vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic allowed the world to reopen. In India, deliberate investment over decades has positioned the country as the "pharmacy of the world," supplying affordable medicines globally. In China, breakthroughs in biotechnology and cancer treatment have established global leadership. In Rwanda, drones deliver blood and essential medicines to rural communities within minutes, saving countless lives. But what about Nigeria?

We import more than 70% of the medicines we consume. Less than 0.01% of our GDP is invested in healthcare research and development, compared to the global benchmark of about 0.2%. Meanwhile, doctors, pharmacists, and scientists continue to leave the country, contributing their expertise elsewhere. Yet, even in the midst of these challenges, there are rays of hope. There are emerging vaccine initiatives. There are digital health innovations gaining traction.

Why does pharmaceutical innovation matter? Because a healthy population is a productive population. It improves life expectancy. It creates jobs in manufacturing and logistics. It reduces dependency on imports and strengthens resilience against global shocks. Pharmaceutical innovation is not merely about science, it is a catalyst for national development.

So what must we do better? If Nigeria is to unlock this potential, we must act with intent. We must increase our healthcare research and development budget to meet global standards; improve regulatory processes by making approvals faster while maintaining safety and quality; and embrace technology and digital health, building on examples such as WellaHealth, Famasi, and Remedial Health. Indeed, we must collaborate across sectors—government, academia, industry, finance, and professional bodies. This is not the responsibility of one group. It is a national project.

How do we mitigate the hurdles? Government must invest in research and strengthen regulatory systems. Academia must translate research into practical solutions. Industry must ensure medicines are not only profitable but accessible. The financial sector must treat health innovation as a strategic priority and unlock capital for growth. Fellows and professionals must see honour not as status, but as responsibility by leading with vision, upholding ethics, and becoming innovators and change-makers.

And so, the call. Imagine a Nigeria where vaccines are produced locally, not imported. Where rural clinics are never out of stock. Where



Nigerian scientists are celebrated globally for discoveries that save lives. Where our pharmaceutical sector is not an afterthought, but a driver of jobs, exports, and national resilience.

This is the Nigeria we must build. And the tool is already before us: pharmaceutical innovation as a catalyst for national development. Thank you.

1.2 Academy Procession. The event commenced with the procession of the Fellows, led by Fellow Olukemi Odukoya, followed by senior Academy members.



The procession settled with the President of NAPharm, Fellow Lere Baale, FNAPharm, with the Founder and Chairman, Fellow Julius Adelusi-Adeluyi, mni, OFR, FNAPharm taking the rear. All Fellows were guided to their seats by Pharm Lolu Ojo, FNAPharm (Academy Programme Director).



1.3 Opening. The Nigerian National Anthem was rendered and the third stanza was recited as the opening prayer.

1.4 Introduction of Guests and NAPharm Officers. The compere Pharm Opanubi Shina acknowledged distinguished guests and dignitaries present at the ceremony. This was followed by the introduction of NAPharm Officers.

1.5 Welcome Address by the Chairman, Transformation Committee. The speaker was Fellow Yakasai Ahmed, mni, FNAPharm (The second Vice President and Chairman of the Transformation committee.). His address focus:

- Emphasized innovation as a driver of industrial growth and improved health outcomes.
- Appreciated partners and sponsors.



- Called on Fellows to "move the Academy from excellence to prominence" through collaboration, capacity-building, and mentorship.

1.6 Opening Address by the President and Chairman of the Governing Council:

Fellow Lere Baale, FNAPharm address emphasized on:

- Pharmacy's historical and cultural evolution.
- Pharmacy as a bridge between science and humanity.
- The Academy's mission to shape science, influence policy, and drive innovation.
- NAPharm Fellowship as a call to national service, not merely an honour.

1.7 Keynote Address. The keynote speaker Mr Wale Oyedeji, Group Managing Director,

FBN Holdings PLC was formally introduced by the session host. The key highlights from the theme Pharmaceutical Innovation as a Catalyst for Nation-Building emphasized that:

- Healthcare innovation must respond to shifting frontiers: biologics, AI, bioprocessing, bioinformatics.
- Innovation should strengthen national productivity and economic stability.
- True impact on healthcare matters requires collaboration between government, academia, industry, and finance sectors.
- Structured funding mechanism for health innovations.

1.8 Remarks by the PSN President. Fellow Ayuba Tanko Ibrahim, FPSN, FNAPharm, reaffirmed his readiness to support the Academy's strategic direction. He paid tribute to pharmacy leaders including Prof. Osiude and described himself as a servant leader dedicated to professional unity.

1.9 Goodwill Messages. Were delivered by notable stakeholders, including:

- Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, UNILAG, Prof Sunday Adesegun, emphasized academic practice collaboration.
- Director-General, NAFDAC, Fellow Mojisola Adeyeye, FNAPharm highlighted achievements in manufacturing, strengthening and regulatory advancement. She encouraged the translation of research into impactful products and industry sponsorship for innovation.

1.10 Investiture of Academy's Honourees. The investiture ceremony covered 3 sets of honourees: the New Fellows of the Academy, the Honorary Fellows, and Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients.

1.11 Investiture of the New Fellows of the Academy. New Fellows (14) were formally inducted and decorated in recognition of distinguished professional service and leadership contributions.



1.13 Investiture of the Lifetime Achievement Awardees. Four (4) distinguished senior pharmacists who have rendered decades of exemplary service were robed and celebrated.

2025 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Dr. Fidelis Akhagboso Ayebae
- Pharm (Dr) Chief Mrs. Stella Okoli
- Pharm (Chief)Dr Theophilus Adebawale Omotosho
- Pharm (Prof) Gabriel Ediale Osuide

2025 NEW FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY

- Pharm (Dr) Samuel Oluwaoromipin Adekola, FNAPharm
- Pharm Yedunni Abimbola Adenuga, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Dr) Adenike Olubisi Adenuga, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Dr) Victor Gbenga Afolabi, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Prof) Ezekiel Olugbenga Akinkunmi, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Dr) Umoru Barde Ali, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Prof) Olufunso Awodele, FNAPharm
- Pharm Jaiyeola Adetunji Doherty, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Dr) Monica Hemben Eimunjeze, FNAPharm
- Pharm Ayuba Tanko Ibrahim, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Dr) Thomas Omotayo Ilupeju, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Dr) Wilson Ishima, FNAPharm
- Pharm Steve Azubuike Okoronkwo, FNAPharm
- Pharm (Mrs) Olayinka Folashade Oredola, FNAPharm

1.14 Launching and Unveiling of the NAPharm Innovation Centre. A short documentary was presented, followed by contributions and pledges from: Mrs. Shade Okoya, Keynote Speaker, Mr. Wale Oyedeji, other partners, and stakeholders.



1.12 Investiture of the Honorary Fellow of the Academy. Outstanding personalities (6) were conferred with Honorary Fellowship for exceptional impact and leadership.

2025 HONORARY FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY

- Pharm (Elder) Ebenezer Adeleke
- Alhaji Sayyid Lawal Atana
- Dr Obiora Anthony Chukwuka
- Pharm(Sir) Alfred Oladeji Osinoiki
- Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano
- Chief Varkey Verghese

1.15 Closing Remarks by the Founder / Chairman, Board of Trustees. Speaker: Fellow Julius Adelusi-Adeluyi, mni, OFR, FNAPharm

- Reflected on the Academy's founding journey.
- Encouraged members to pursue bold impact.
- Noted the historic legacy of PSN Nigeria.
- Concluded with the statement: "An idea whose time has come cannot be stopped"



1.16 Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General. The Secretary General, Fellow Lekan Asuni, FNAPharm expressed appreciation to all dignitaries, partners, Fellows, and attendees.

1.17 Closing Prayers. The NAPharm investiture ceremony came to a formal ending at exactly 4pm and the third stanza of the Nigerian National Anthem was rendered as the closing prayer.

1.18 Procession in Reverse Order. Fellows and dignitaries exited in reverse order of their entry.

1.19 Lunch. The event concluded with Lunch served at the Union Bank Sickle Cell Centre, LUTH, Idi-Araba, Lagos.

1.20 Attendance. The event attracted the following participants:

Event Participation Statistics	
Category	Number
Fellows	32
Pharmacists	51
Students	8
Other Guests	105
Online Viewership	77

FELLOWS ATTENDEES	
1. Pharm (Prince) Founder Adelusi- Adeluyi Julius, FNAPharm	17. Pharm (Prof) Cyril Usifoh, FNAPharm
2. Pharm Akintayo Olumide, FNAPharm	18. Pharm (Dr) N.A. Elijah Mohammed, FNAPharm
3. Pharm (Dr) Okey Akpa, FNAPharm	19. Pharm (Prof) Moses A. Akanmu, FNAPharm
4. Pharm Lekan Asuni, FNAPharm	20. Pharm Clare Omatseye, FNAPharm
5. Pharm (Prof) Lere Baale, FNAPharm	21. Pharm (Dr) Mohammed Musa Zango, FNAPharm
6. Pharm (Dr) Margaret Ebigwei-Ibru, FNAPharm	22. Pharm (Dr) Christiana Ekwutos Akpa, FNAPharm
7. Pharm (Dr) Paul Enebeli, FNAPharm	23. Pharm Olugbenga Oluale, FNAPharm
8. Pharm (Dr) John Nwaiwu, FNAPharm	24. Pharm Abiola O. Paul-Ozieh, FNAPharm
9. Pharm (Dr) Lolu Ojo, FNAPharm	25. Pharm Olayinka Rilwan Subair, FNAPharm
10. Pharm (Sir) Ike Onyechi, FNAPharm	26. Pharm Abiola A. Adebayo, FNAPharm
11. Pharm Anthony Bola Oyawole, FNAPharm	27. Pharm Gbolagade Michael Iyiola, FNAPharm
12. Pharm (Pst) Adesanmi Israel Popoola, FNAPharm	28. Pharm Adewale B. Oyenuga, FNAPharm
13. Pharm (Prof) Fola Tayo, FNAPharm	29. Pharm Adeyinka A. Ishola, FNAPharm
14. Pharm (Prof) Mbang Nyong Femi - Oyewo, FNAPharm	30. Pharm (Dr) Modupe Rukayat Oyawole, FNAPharm
15. Pharm (Prof) Udoma E. Mendie, FNAPharm	31. Pharm (Prof) Rebecca O. Soremekun, FNAPharm
16. Pharm John Ikechukwu Ugwu, FNAPharm	32. Pharm (Prof) Olukemi Odukoya, FNAPharm



Reporters: Pharm Ezebiora Chijioke and Pharm Mgboko Mmesoma (Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lagos).

2.0 INVESTITURE PROCEEDINGS 2025: STRATEGIC REFLECTIONS

Key reflections from the 2025 Investiture event emphasized the following:

- Strengthening Nigeria's pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity
- Advancing medicine security
- Deepening academia-industry-government collaboration
- Harnessing AI and biotechnology in drug discovery

3.0 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Derived from the keynote address and discussions, the Academy identified five priority national actions:

1. Strengthening pharmaceutical R&D funding
2. Expanding local drug manufacturing capacity
3. Deploying digital pharmaceutical supply chain systems
4. Supporting biotechnology innovation
5. Developing next-generation pharmaceutical leadership

4.0 NAPharm 2025 INVESTITURE PICTURES



NAPharm EXCO with the Newly Inducted 2025 Fellows at the Old Great Hall, College Of Medicine, Unilag, Idi-Araba.





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2014-2025 NAPHARM FOUNDATION LIFE FELLOWS, HONORARY FELLOWS AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES

The Nigeria Academy of Pharmacy (NAPharm) was established on June 26, 2014 with 48 members inducted as the Foundational Fellows and Prince Julius Adelus-Adeluyi, OFR as its Foundation President. By 2025, the Academy has grown to 131 fellows drawn from different facets of pharmacy practice.

LIFE FELLOWS (2014-2025)

FOUNDATION LIFE FELLOWS (2021)

1. Pharm (Prince) Founder Julius Adelus-Adeluyi, OFR
2. Pharm (Sir) Ifeanyi Atueyi, (late)
3. Pharm (Dr) Evans C. Chidomere
4. Pharm (Sir) Gabriel Lambert Eradiri, OFR
5. Pharm Bruno Nwankwo
6. Pharm Godfrey Obiaga
7. Pharm (Dr) Stella Okoli, OON
8. Pharm (Prof) Philip Olurinola
9. Pharm (Prof) Fola Tayo, MFR
10. Pharm (Prof) Oleka Udeala

LIFE FELLOWS (2024)

1. Pharm (Prof) Ndu Ifudu

HONORARY FELLOWS (2014-2025)

YEAR 2015

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| 1. General Yakubu Gowon, GCFR (RTD) | - | YEAR 2018 |
| 2. General Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma, GCON (RTD) | - | YEAR 2022 |
| 3. Aare Afe Babalola, CON, OFR, SAN | - | YEAR 2024 |
| 4. Prof Babagana Zulum, mni, CON, FNSE | - | YEAR 2025 |
| 5. Pharm. Elder Ebenezer Adeleke, FPSN | | |
| 6. Alhaji Sayyid Lawal Atana | | |



7. Dr Obiora Anthony Chukwuka
8. Pharm (Sir) Alfred Oladeji Osinoiki, FPSN
9. Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano
10. Chief Varkey Verghese, MFR

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES (2014-2025)

1. Prof Attahiru Jega, OFR, FNARD (2015)
2. Prof Julius Okolie, OON, FAANS, FFAN, FASN (2016)
3. Chief Oludapo Ibukun Akinkugbe, OFR (late) (2018)
4. Prince Julius Adelusì-Adeluyi, mni, OFR, FNAPharm (2024)
5. Sir Ifeanyi Atueyi, FPSN, FNAPharm (late) (2024)
6. Dr Fidelis Ayebae (2025)
7. Dr. (Mrs) Stella Okolie, OON, FNAPharm (2025)
8. Chief (Dr) Theophilus Adebawale Omotosho, OON, FPSN (2025)
9. Prof Gabriel Ediale Osuide, FPSN (2025)

