

FIFTY YEARS CELEBRATION OF RHESUS DISEASE PREVENTION; ALIGNING WITH THE GLOBAL EFFORTS

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GOAL: To critically assess our nation's Rhesus disease awareness and management situation with the view to align with the global elimination efforts.

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 2018. 10:00AM TO 3.30PM

**VENUE: SICKLE CELL CENTRE, OPPOSITE LAGOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL,
IDI-ARABA, LAGOS, NIGERIA.**

CHAIR: Mrs. Jemilat Olufunmilayo Banire, President and Founder of Rhesus Solution Initiative

AGENDA

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration
10:00 - 10:15 Opening Remarks
10:15 -10:25 Welcome address -Professor Adekunbiola Banjo, Vice President, RSI
10:25 -10:40 Keynote Address: -Professor Isaac Adewole,
Honorable Minister for Health, Nigeria
- 10:40 – 10:50 Video presentation – “A story of Rh disease” –Prof. Alvin Zipursky,
Co-Director, Consortium for Universal Rh Disease Elimination (CURhE)
- 10:50 – 11:00 Short presentation on the Invention of the Prophylaxis and reason
for global extension (Columbia
University)
- SESSION I: Moderator: Professor A.S. Akanmu, Consultant Haematologist**
- 11:00 – 11:15 The Global force to eliminate Rhesus Disease; CURhE
Dr. Audu Lamidi, (National Coordinator, CURhE Nigeria Task force)
- 11:15 –11:35 The nature of Rh disease, treatment and prevention in Nigeria
– Prof. Angela Okolo, *Consultant Paediatrician*
- 11:35 – 11:55 The burden of managing Rhesus Disease in a newborn in
Nigeria; the time for prophylaxis for all is now -Dr. Iretiola Fajolu
(Nigerian Society of Neonatal Medicine - NISONM)
- 11:55 – 12:15 Inputs/Comments/Discussions
- 12:15 **TEA BREAK**

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| SESSION II: | Moderator: Dr. Efunbo Dosekun, Consultant Paediatrician |
| 12:45 – 1:05 | Rhesus Disease Prevention in Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects -Professor Oluwarotimi Akinola (National President, Society of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of Nigeria -SOGON) |
| 1:05 – 1:25 | RSI approach to Rh Disease Prevention -Jemilat Olufunmilayo Banire, Founder &President, RSI |
| 1:25 – 1:45 | Sustainable Development in Health: Building Sustainable Disease Control Programs in Low-Resource Settings -Prof. Isaac Odame (The Hospital for the Sick Children, Toronto, Canada) |
| 1:45 - 2:00 | Mitigating the problem of accessibility and affordability of Rhogam Injection in Nigeria -Giaocchino de Giorgi (Kedrion Biopharma) |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Use of Eldon Cards as a reliable tool for effective testing for Blood group and Rhesus Status - Kasper Juul (Eldon Biologicals) |
| 2:15 - 2:25 | Video Presentation on Disease Stigmatization |
| 2:25 – 2:45 | Inputs/Comments/Discussions |
| 2:45 - 3:00 | Conclusion/Recommendations |
| 3:00 - 3:15 | Recognition and Awards of Lifetime Achievement |
| 3.15 | LUNCH |
| 3.15 – 3:20 | Vote of Thanks/Closing Remarks- Dr Titilope Adeyemo, 2 nd Vice President, RSI |