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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A Chief Consultant Radiologist with more than two decades at consultant level and over thirty years in clinical medicine, recognised for diagnostic depth, institution building, and the training of specialists. Subspecialty strength sits in **neuroradiology** and **breast imaging**, supported by advanced practice in cross-sectional CT, vascular and interventional ultrasound, and general diagnostic radiology.

She built a teaching-hospital radiology department from a non-functioning unit into a fully equipped service running modern fluoroscopy, mammography, and 16-slice computed tomography, then directed clinical services across a medical staff of sixty-four consultants and acted for the Medical Director. Her advanced training has taken her to the United Kingdom, the United States, Egypt, and the Netherlands, and her research contributions appear in leading international journals, including *The Lancet Global Health* and *Stroke*, through the multinational SIREN research network. As a member of the Radiology Faculty Board of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, she helps shape the examination and certification of the country's radiologists.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Neuroradiology and MRI interpretation
- Breast imaging and mammography
- Cross-sectional imaging (body and neuro CT)
- Vascular, Doppler and interventional ultrasound
- Paediatric neuroimaging
- General diagnostic and fluoroscopic radiology
- Residency training and medical education
- Clinical governance and health-service leadership

SELECTED CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Department builder.** Established and grew the Radiology Department at Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta over nine years as Head, from an unequipped unit to a full service spanning X-ray, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, mammography, and a 16-slice CT scanner.
- **Clinical services leadership.** Served two tenures as Head of Clinical Services, overseeing every clinical department, chairing the 64-member Medical Advisory Council, and deputising for the Medical Director.
- **National examination governance.** Appointed to the Radiology Faculty Board of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, contributing to the standards by which radiologists are certified (2017 to 2021; 2025 to date).
- **Internationally published.** Contributing co-author within the SIREN stroke research consortium, with work in *The Lancet Global Health*, *Stroke*, and the *Journal of the Neurological Sciences*.
- **Distinguished examinee.** Best candidate in both Part I and Part II fellowship examinations of the West African College of Surgeons and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, with prizes for best dissertation and best clinical performance.

QUALIFICATIONS

Fellowship, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (FMCR), Radiology	2003
University College Hospital, Ibadan	
Fellowship, West African College of Surgeons (FWACS), Radiology	2003
University College Hospital, Ibadan	

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MB.BS)

1990

University of Benin, Benin City

Postgraduate residency training in Radiology, University College Hospital, Ibadan (1998 to 2003). Secondary education: Federal Government Girls' College, Sagamu, and Queen's College, Yaba, Lagos.

PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIST REGISTRATION

- Full registration, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (1991)
- Specialist registration, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria: FWACS (2014) and FMCR (2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Consultant Radiologist

2012 to date

Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta

- Provides specialist diagnostic and interventional imaging across modalities, with subspecialty reporting in neuroradiology and breast imaging.
- Supervises and mentors resident doctors and junior consultants toward fellowship qualification.

Sessional Consultant Radiologist

2011 to date

Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Abeokuta

- Delivers neuroimaging and general radiology services to a specialist neuropsychiatric institution.

Senior Consultant Radiologist

2008 to 2011

Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta

Consultant Radiologist

2003 to 2007

Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta

Adjunct Lecturer

2017 to 2019

Babcock University Teaching Hospital, Ilishan

- Trained resident doctors in diagnostic radiology within the teaching-hospital programme.

Resource Person, Neuroradiology

2016 to 2021

National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria

- Delivered neuroradiology teaching at the annual revision course of the Faculty of Psychiatry.

Earlier appointments

Registrar / Senior Registrar, Department of Radiology, University College Hospital, Ibadan (1998 to 2003)

Medical Officer / Senior Medical Officer, Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta (1993 to 1998)

Medical Officer, State Hospital and Egba Medical Centre, Abeokuta (1991 to 1993)

National Youth Service (Primary Health Care), Ogoja LGA, Cross River State (1992 to 1993)

House Officer, State Hospital, Abeokuta (1990 to 1991)

LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Member, Radiology Faculty Board

2017–2021; 2025 to date

National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria

- Contributes to the curriculum, examination, and certification standards governing the training of radiologists nationally.

Head of Clinical Services

2012 to 2016

Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta

- Oversaw all clinical departments and units, ensuring continuity and quality of hospital-wide service delivery.
- Chaired the Medical Advisory Council, a body of all 64 consultants and clinical heads, channelling its recommendations into hospital policy.
- Directed medical training and the Residency Training Committee, with the hospital recording strong fellowship-examination outcomes and successful accreditation and re-accreditation across both tenures.
- Acted for the Medical Director during absences, and served as a statutory member of the hospital Board of Management.

Member, Board of Management Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta	2013 to 2015
Head, Department of Radiology Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta	2003 to 2012
– Built the department from a non-functioning unit into a fully equipped service over nine years, acquiring X-ray, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, mammography, and 16-slice CT capability.	
Chairman, Task Force on Procurement Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta	2008 to 2011
– Pioneered the hospital's procurement unit, since grown into a full-fledged department, while concurrently heading Radiology.	
Chairman, Radiology Revolving Fund Committee Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta	2008 to 2012

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed contributions, reverse chronological. Consortium publications reflect membership of the SIREN multinational stroke research network.

1. Uvere EO, Akinyemi J, Sarfo FS, et al. Antecedent sedative use is independently associated with stroke occurrence among West Africans: evidence from the SIREN case-control study. *eNeurologicalSci.* 2025;40:100573.
2. Sarfo FS, Asowata OJ, Akpa OM, et al. Stroke occurrence by hypertension treatment status in Ghana and Nigeria: a case-control study. *J Neurol Sci.* 2024;459:122968.
3. Sarfo FS, Akpa OM, Ovbiagele B, et al. Patient-level and system-level determinants of stroke fatality across 16 large hospitals in Ghana and Nigeria: a prospective cohort study. *Lancet Glob Health.* 2023;11:e575–585.
4. Omisore A, Ogbale G, Agunloye A, et al. Carotid and vertebral atherosclerosis in West African stroke patients: findings from the Stroke Investigative Research and Education Network. *Niger Med J.* 2022;63(2):98–111.
5. Sarfo FS, Ovbiagele B, Akpa O, et al. Risk factor characterization of ischemic stroke subtypes among West Africans. *Stroke.* 2022;52:134–144.
6. Okekunle AP, Asowata OJ, Fakunle AG, et al. Second-hand smoke exposure is independently associated with stroke among non-smoking adults in West Africa. *J Neurol Sci.* 2022;443:120489.
7. Akpa OM, Okekunle AP, Ovbiagele B, et al. Factors associated with hypertension among stroke-free indigenous Africans: findings from the SIREN study. *J Clin Hypertens.* 2021;23:773–784.
8. Akpa O, Sarfo FS, Owolabi M, et al. A novel Afrocentric stroke risk assessment score: models from the SIREN study. *J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis.* 2021;30(10):106003.
9. Ojagbemi A, Akinyemi J, Wahab K, et al. Pre-stroke depression in Ghana and Nigeria: prevalence, predictors and association with post-stroke depression. *J Geriatr Psychiatry Neurol.* 2020;1–7.
10. Yusuf AO, Adeniyi A, Oyedele TA, Akisanya CO. Cleidocranial dysostosis: an enigmatic developmental bone anomaly. *Int J Med Pharm Case Rep.* 2019;12(2):1–8.
11. Ogah OS, Owolabi OO, Akisanya CO. Cervical spine tuberculosis and retropharyngeal abscess in an adult Nigerian. *Ann Trop Med Public Health.* 2012;5:587–590.
12. Ogah OS, Akisanya CO, Timeyin AO, Adebisi AA, Adebo OA. A large pericardial cyst presenting with severe chest pain: a case report and review of literature. *Afr J Med Med Sci.* 2009;38(1):83–86.
13. Adeniyi AEO, Akisanya CO, Akinremi TO, Erinle CA. Appendicitis and situs inversus viscerum in a 32-year-old female Nigerian: a case report. *Ann Ibadan Postgrad Med.* 2008;6(1):84–86.
14. Akinyemi RO, Ogah OS, Akisanya CO, et al. Pneumomediastinum and subcutaneous emphysema complicating acute exacerbation of bronchial asthma. *Ann Ibadan Postgrad Med.* 2007;5:78–79.
15. Obajimi MO, Akisanya CO. Mediastinal teratomas: CT evaluation in two patients. *Niger J Surg Res.* 2002;4:62–64.

Dissertation: Akisanya CO. Transverse Diameter of the Aortic Arch in Adult Nigerians. National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria; 2003.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS, OBSERVERSHIPS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

MRI Remote Fellowship in Neuroradiology, Online (2020)

Project Management in Global Health; Leadership and Management in Health, University of Washington, Seattle, USA (2018, 2020)

Observership in Paediatric Neuroradiology, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK (2019)

Leadership and Management Course, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Newcastle, UK (2014)

Specialist Breast Course and Clinical Attachment in Breast Imaging, Nottingham Breast Institute, UK (2012)

Visiting Fellowship in Vascular Ultrasound and Body CT, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, USA (2010)

Virtual Colonoscopy Training, Philips Academy, Venlo, Netherlands (2009)

Transrectal Ultrasound and Prostate Biopsy, Kasr Al-Ainy University Teaching Hospital, Cairo, Egypt (2009)

AuthorAID Research Writing in the Sciences, Online (2019)

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Annual Scientific Conference and All Fellows' Congress (ASCAF), National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, multiple years to 2025
- Annual General Meeting and Scientific Conference, West African College of Surgeons, Abuja, 2020
- Annual hands-on workshop on improving breast cancer management and outcomes in Africa, Enugu, 2019
- Total Radiology Conference, Arab Health, Dubai, UAE, 2014
- UK Radiology Conference (UKRC), Manchester, UK, 2012
- Pan African Congress of Radiology and Imaging (PACORI), Abuja, 2009
- Annual Scientific Conferences, Association of Radiologists of West Africa (ARAWA) and Association of Radiologists in Nigeria (ARIN), multiple years

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Best Candidate, Part II Radiology Fellowship Examinations, West African College of Surgeons and National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (2003)
- Best Candidate, Part I Radiology Fellowship Examinations, West African College of Surgeons and National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (2000)
- S.B. Lagundoye Prize for Best Dissertation, Faculty of Radiology, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (2003)
- Sanya Sonuga Prize for Best in Clinicals, Part II Fellowship, Faculty of Radiology, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (2003)
- Junior Chamber International (JCI) Outstanding Young Person in Ogun State Award (2006)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

European Society of Radiology · Association of Radiologists in Nigeria · Association of Radiologists of West Africa · Breast Imaging Society of Nigeria · Neuroradiological Society of Nigeria · West African Society of Ultrasound · Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria · Nigerian Medical Association

PERSONAL

Nationality: Nigerian. **State of Origin:** Ogun State. **Interests:** music and singing, reading, and dance.

References available on request.