

- **CV FOR THE INAUGURAL LECTURE**

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- Professor Roland Iheanyichukwu Osuoji, was born in June 1953 in Sokoto to his late parents the Mr D.O. Osuoji and the late Mrs Josephine.A. Osuoji, both from Nkwerre, in Imo state of Nigeria. He started his primary school at St Michael's primary school in Kaduna, and finished it in Presbyterian primary school, Abakaliki. He had a distinction in his First School Leaving Certificate, as it was known in those days, this earned him the Eastern Nigeria Government scholarship with which he did his secondary school at Ife Grammar school, in Mbaise, in Imo state. He was a bellringer in school, a librarian , and in his final year, was the school senior prefect.He had a Grade 1 in his West Africa school certificate, being the best student both in character and in learning. He went back to Sokoto, in 1972, where he was born to do some 6 months of higher school at the Federal Government College,Sokoto. He did his University education in the University of Nigeria Nsukka, at the Enugu Campus, using first the East Central State scholarship, and later, after his second year, the Federal Government scholarship. He had 3 distinctions in the medical school: in Biochemistry, Physiology, and Pathology. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> MB examinatio, the best five students we sent to the Uk for elective postings for a month, and he

went to the National Hospital for Children, at no 10 Harcourt street in Dublin, Ireland. He did his NYSC in Idah, in the then Benue state, started and finished his residency programme in general surgery and paediatric surgery, in the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu(UNTH). The highlight of his residency programme was being part of the first indigenous team that successfully separated a set of conjoint twins on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 1988. the children are now adults and doing well.

- He came to Lagos in 1988 after his residency programme to get an appointment with the EKO hospital, where he spent 3 year before going into a partnership with the late Dr Daniel Nwankwo, who financed the practice, and Dr O.F.Ayodeji. The hospital is the now defunct Libra Specialist Hospital, at Surulere. In private practice he was a consultant to various hospitals: the Havana Specialist Hospital, the now Osagie Medical Centre(OMC), the OMNI Fertility Hospital, the Royal Albert Hospital, The Ultimate Cherry Hospital, the Citizen's Specialist Hospital, the Premier Specialist Hospital, the Lifeline Children's Hospital, the Outreach Specialist Hospital, After 19 years in private practice, he decided to go fully into academics, for two main reasons: to give back to the society a little bit of what he got from the society, in a broader setting, and to replicate himself in the field of paediatric surgery, by taking up a job in the Lagos State College of Medicine, as a

Lecturer 1, the lowest rung of the ladder, in the year 2007, from where he rose to become a full Professor in the year 2020.

- Professor Osuoji has published well over 50 articles in both international and local journal, edited 2 textbooks currently used in the Lagos State College of Medicine, and written several book chapters in several medical textbooks.
- He has been an examiner for the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria for paediatric surgery for many years. He was the once the Vice President and eventually the President of his village meeting, for 12 years, in Umulolo-Amaegbu, in Nkwerre, in Imo State. Professor Osuoji is currently the president of the Association of Paediatric Surgeons Of Nigeria (APSON). He plays golf in the Ikoyi golf club 1938, and in the Ikeja golf club. He speaks and writes French very well. He is happily married to Mrs Augustina Iyabode Osuoji, and blessed with children.