University of Ibadan Celebrates the 2011-2012 Neurophysiotherapy PhD Graduates

The Nigeria Physiotherapy Network congratulates the latest Nigerian Physiotherapy 'docs' who recently completed requirements for the award of PhD degrees in Neurophysiotherapy at the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan's Physiotherapy program. Their mentor, Professor T. Kolapo Hamzat was full of praise for his students as he writes below:

I would like to use this medium to commend and congratulate these 4 amazing ladies whom I am glad to have supervised and who are today taking part in the 64th Founder's Day graduation ceremony of the Nigeria premier University of Ibadan. They have bagged PhD degrees in Neurological Physiotherapy, a specialty many tend to shy away from. These ladies are an inspiration. They showed such tenacity and dedication. They balanced change in status, family life and many obstacles to achieve their dreams. To say I am proud of them all is an understatement.

1. **Dr. Margaret Bukola FATUDIMU; effective date October 2011**
PhD Thesis: *Impact of Motor Development in Children with Cerebral Palsy on the Quality of Life and General Health Status of Caregivers*
Incidentally I supervised her research works at the undergraduate and M.Sc level. A tenacious, brilliant and well-focused young lady, she was the best graduating student in her class at the B. Physiotherapy degree level winning ten prizes. She is currently a Physiotherapist at the UCH Ibadan.

2. **Dr. Olubukola Adebisi, OLALEYE Effective date: December, 2011**
PhD Thesis: *Development and Evaluation of Effects of a Primary Health Care-Based Physiotherapy Protocol on Selected Indices of Stroke Recovery*
I also supervised her research work at M.Sc level. She has shown herself to always be a hardworking, brilliant and energetic lady. She won several prizes at the B.Sc Physiotherapy level. She rose to the rank of Chief Physiotherapist and recently became a Lecturer at the department of Physiotherapy, College of Medicine. University of Ibadan

3. **Dr Grace Oluwatitofunmi VINCENT-ONABAJO (Nee Peters) - Effective Date: August 2012**.
PhD Thesis: *A 12-Month Pattern and Inter-Relationships of Motor Performance, Functional Activity, Societal Participation And Health-Related Quality Of Life Of Stroke Survivors.*
Having supervised her research works at M.Sc and PhD levels, I recognize her can-do attitude. She has a quiet determination about her and is very bold and hardworking. She is currently a lecturer at the University of Maiduguri.

4. **Dr. Faderera Ajibola ADEPOJU Effective Date: August 2012**
PhD Thesis: *Efficacy of Biomechanical Ankle Platform System And A Strengthening Exercise Programme on Functional Performance of Children*
With Cerebral Palsy
Always smiling and respectful, she is very hardworking, determined and willing to learn. She is currently a Senior Physiotherapist at the UCH Ibadan.

Congratulations and best wishes!
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