

## EDITORIAL: REACHING OUR GOALS.

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**W**e have an eclectic range of subjects in this second issue of the third volume. We kick off with the contribution from Emeritus Professor Kelsey Harrison, remembering the life and times of late Dr Hugh S Platt (1933-2019)<sup>1</sup>; who showed that maternal sickle-cell trait had an adverse effect on perinatal mortality<sup>2</sup> while in University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria (1961-64), which contributed to his M.D Thesis in 1970 from London University, London, United Kingdom.

The second issue continues with the trend of publishing inaugural lectures delivered from the Faculty of Clinical Sciences. Bloodless surgery: convergence of science and religion<sup>3</sup> is elegantly espoused by Professor Bio Kombo, a proclaimed expert on the subject from the Niger Delta region.

In 2016, there were 68,686 prisoners in Nigeria, with the highest number of prison inmates in Lagos State 7,396 (10.8%) followed by Rivers State 4,424 (6.4%). The least prison inmates were in Ekiti State 444 (0.6%) and Bayelsa State 585 (0.8%) respectively<sup>4</sup>. In this issue, Armiya'u and colleagues<sup>5</sup> examines the personality profile of convicted offenders in the prison environment.

Akinsete and colleagues<sup>6</sup> report the abysmal outcome of malignant infant tumours seen in a tertiary unit in Lagos State, a sad reflection of the dearth of paediatric oncologists.

Postgraduate medical education and training in the UK is the joint responsibility of the four Departments of Health (in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), the General Medical Council, Postgraduate Deaneries and the Royal Colleges<sup>7</sup>. In this issue Akanbi and colleagues<sup>8</sup> critically appraises mentoring in surgical

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