

Tribute:

LATE ALABO PROFESSOR ROLLINGS SOPIRINYE JAMABO, MNIM, MBBS (Lagos), D.Obst. (Ireland), FRCS (Ireland), FWACS, FICS (9th October 1952 –6th July 2020)



Late Professor Rollings Sopirinye Jamabo was an accomplished academic surgical oncologist who sadly died on the 6th July 2020.

He was born on the 9th of October, 1952 at the then Old General Hospital, Port Harcourt. He attended Primary School at St. Jude's Primary school, Ebute-Metta, Lagos and Ogoloma Town School, Ogoloma Okrika. He enrolled in the Okrika Grammar school, Okrika in 1964 but his stay at the school came to an abrupt end in July, 1967 at the beginning of the civil war. He thereafter completed his Secondary School education in 1970 at the Government Comprehensive Secondary School, Borikiri, Port Harcourt. In September, 1971 he was admitted into the University of Lagos to study medicine. He graduated in March 1977 and was awarded the MBBS Degree. His compulsory National Youth Service Corps Program (NYSC) was in Okitipupa, Ondo State from April 1978 to May 1979.

Being a recipient of a three-year in-service training by the Rivers State Government, he left

Nigeria in September, 1980 for the United Kingdom to start a residency program in surgery. The surgical training program exposed him to various hospitals in London and its environs, notably the great Guy's Hospitals and the Lewisham Hospitals rotations. On completion of the surgical training, he also went through an Obstetrics and Gynaecology rotation. He obtained the FRCS (Dublin) (Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons) in 1985 and the D.Obst. (Dublin)(Diploma in Obstetrics & Gynaecology) in 1986. The vast knowledge and experience he gained from these hospitals in the U.K. prepared him for the onerous task ahead as a Medical Practitioner in Nigeria.

He returned home in March, 1987 and commenced work at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital as a Consultant Surgeon and at the University of Port Harcourt as a Lecturer. He was promoted to the rank of a Senior Lecturer in October, 2004 and to that of a Professor of Surgery in June, 2014. As a Surgeon, his interest was in diseases of the breast and the

oncology of cancers generally. He had forty (40) published articles in reputable National and International Journals to his credit and in collaboration with other colleagues in the country. He had various on-going researches in breast diseases.

He had been an Examiner in General Surgery for Parts 1 & 2 FWACS examination of the West African College of Surgeons from 2007 up till date. He was also an External Examiner to some Medical schools in Nigeria for their Final MBBS Examinations.

In view of his accomplishment in the field of Surgery, he was awarded honorary Fellowship of the International College of Surgeons (FICS) in 1991 and that of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) in 1992.

Left to mourn him are his wife Mrs. Lawretta Jamabo, Dr Ibiebelari Jamabo (son), Dr (Mrs) Diepriye Jamabo-Inimgba (daughter), MrMinaibi Jamabo (son), Dr (Mrs) Rhoda Jamabo-Pepple (daughter) and numerous relatives and colleagues.

Reference:

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