

A LECTURE DELIVERED IN COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL ALBINISM DAY AT KADUNA, NORTH-WEST NIGERIA ON 5TH MAY 2018. By Dr. Hadiza Sani, Consultant Dermatologist BDTH KADUNA

A lecture organized by the Albino foundation Kaduna state chapter on May 5, witnessed a significant turn out of audience comprising people with albinism, people with other disabilities, their parents, the media and the facilitators (figures 1-3).

The lecture was an interactive section and the main topics discussed - were the causes of Albinism, clinical features, complications and how to prevent these complications amongst the facilitators.

Emphasis was laid on sun exposure protection measures by adopting preventive practices such as sun exposure avoidance, regular and appropriate use of sun screen and the need for regular skin examination and check up at the dermatology clinic.

Of crucial note is that, the organization as a non-governmental one is in need of support both in cash and kind to enable maximum assistance to affected individuals.

A free examination of their skins was done and those with suspicious skin changes were directed to the dermatology unit at the Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital in the state for further consultations. Similarly, those with eye complains were also directed to the Ophthalmology unit of the Hospital.

The media houses did a concise coverage of the event, interviewed some of those affected and the dermatologists involved.

The lecture ended with a compilation of their names and phone numbers to ensure proper follow up. Attach within are pictures taken during the lecture.



Fig. 1: Dr. Sanni answering questions

Fig. 2: Dr. Sanni delivering lecture

Fig. 3: Outdoor picture with some albinos