

## SIU Scholarship: Dr. Habeeb Kehinde Tijani

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My SIU scholarship at the Urology and Nephrology Center (UNC), Mansoura, Egypt, last year was a very rewarding experience. The director was exceptionally friendly.

Although I went with the intention of learning endoscopic urology, my major gains were in open surgery, especially bladder tumor surgery and renal transplantation. I vividly remember a patient I operated on in Nigeria a week before my journey—on the operating table, I felt that nothing could be done and had to discontinue the surgery. At UNC, 2 weeks later, I encountered a similar case and witnessed how the surgeons there went about removing the tumor.

At the center, I was able to observe procedures that I had only imagined and read about in books and journals. Without a doubt, by the time I left, I was a far better urologist than when I had arrived, 6 months earlier.

However, I hope that the SIU will consider sending experts to centers in different countries for a few months to train local urologists, as otherwise, they face problems in gaining adequate hands-on surgical experience because of licensing issues. I believe that with such rotation from one center to another, more urologists from developing countries will be trained with better hands-on experience. Certainly, my center in Lagos, the commercial capital of West Africa that has a population of 20 million, will benefit from such a program.

**Abbreviated CV.** Dr. Habeeb Kehinde Tijani was born on September 21, 1969, in Lagos, Nigeria. He received the degrees MB, BS in Lagos and completed his internship and



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national service in 1992. He was lecturer of anatomy at Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria, from 1992 to 1996, and registrar in surgery at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital from 1996 to 2002. He received the Fellowship of the Medical College of Surgeons of Nigeria (FMCS) and a Fellowship of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) in urology in 2002. He is currently a lecturer of urology at the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, and an honorary consultant at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Surulere, Lagos. He has published 3 articles in Nigerian medical journals.

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