

# MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL OF NIGERIA



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## **NOTICE ON WAIVERS GRANTED MEDICAL TEACHERS TO TAKE ADJUNCT POSITIONS.**

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria has observed a flagrant abuse of the limited waiver granted for medical teachers to take up adjunct positions in a medical school other than their place of primary assignment.

This has resulted in a situation where medical students are deprived of adequate mentorship from their teachers, since they are hardly available to address routine challenges that the students may be confronted with.

Council hereby reiterates that while this trend can no longer be encouraged, where it exists however, it must be with the documented permission of the authorities at their primary place of employment.

Council further emphasises that acceptance of any adjunct position must not be at the detriment of the lecturer-student contact time at any of the medical schools the lecturer is affiliated to.

**NOTE:** Authorities of all medical schools (including the academic staff) are reminded of the following important information as contained in Council's earlier publications in the 'Guardian' and 'New Nigerian' Newspapers of Friday 11th July 2008:

1. Medical teachers in the *Core Clinical Science Specialties* and *Sub-specialties* are only allowed to take up not more than **one** adjunct (visiting) appointment in addition to their institution of primary assignment.
2. Medical teachers in the *Pre-clinical Specialties* including *Sciences of Pathology and Pharmacology* are permitted to take-up not more than **two** adjunct (visiting) appointments in another medical school other than their institution of primary assignment.

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