

FMC Abuja Denies Negligence In Death Of Snakebite Victim



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...Says anti-venom was available

The Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Abuja, has refuted claims on social media alleging negligence and a lack of anti-snake venom in the treatment of Ms Ifunanya Lucy Nwagene, who died on January 31, 2026, after suffering a snakebite.

In a statement signed by the hospital's Head of Clinical Services, Dr Bioku Muftau, on Sunday, the hospital expressed condolences to the family of the late Nwagene, describing the incident as tragic and deeply painful.

The hospital said Ms Nwagene was attended to "promptly and with utmost care" upon arrival at the emergency unit. FMC said its medical team immediately

commenced treatment, including resuscitation, intravenous fluids, intranasal oxygen, and polyvalent anti-snake venom.

The statement explained that a swift evaluation revealed that the patient was already suffering severe neurotoxic complications associated with venomous snake bites, adding that efforts were made to stabilise her for transfer to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for advanced care.

However, the hospital said the patient's condition "suddenly deteriorated" just before the transfer, prompting an emergency response that included CPR and other life-saving measures, but she could not be revived.

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FMC Abuja dismissed claims that anti-snake venom was unavailable or that the medical team failed to act swiftly.

"These claims are unfounded and do not reflect the reality of the situation."

The statement said, adding that the hospital stands by the professionalism and dedication of its staff.

The hospital urged the public to rely on credible sources and avoid speculation driven by social media.

FMC Abuja said it remains open to further inquiries from the public and assured continued commitment to transparency and quality healthcare delivery.