

Family demands probe into son's death at Lagos hospital



The Adeyemo family of Ikole-Ekiti, **Ikole Local Government Area** of Ekiti State, has called on the Lagos State Government to investigate alleged medical negligence at Immangel Hospital, Lagos, following the death of their son, Abraham Akinsola Adeyemo, 67.

Speaking with journalists in Ado-Ekiti, the state capital, the family spokesperson, Dr. Beatrice Adeyemi, a former Health Educator with the Ekiti State Primary Health Care Development Agency, said the incident occurred on April 5, 2025.

Adeyemi alleged that the patient, shortly after admission to the hospital, was placed on intravenous fluids and blood transfusion without proper specialist assessment or adequate review of his medical history.

She claimed that no medical personnel monitored the patient during the blood transfusion, adding that the attending doctor was absent when the patient's condition deteriorated.

Adeyemi explained that the patient later developed a breathing complication, which she attributed to possible fluid and blood overload, and was moved by the doctor in a private car to another hospital due to the absence of an ambulance at the facility.

She said the patient was subsequently taken to a Lagos State teaching hospital but was reportedly denied admission due to the unavailability of space in the Intensive Care Unit and was returned to the private hospital, where he died in the early hours of April 6, 2025.

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Adeyemi also alleged that the hospital withheld the deceased's body for several hours over unpaid medical bills until the family sourced funds to secure its release.

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Adeyemi explained that the family engaged a medical-legal practitioner at a cost of N2m in addition to over N10m spent on burial arrangements to seek justice.

She said the matter had earlier been reported to a regulatory body under the Lagos State Ministry of Health, where a meeting held on July 1, 2025, reportedly indicted the doctor for commencing treatment outside his specialisation instead of referring the patient.

She, however, lamented that no further action had been taken months after the meeting, urging the Lagos State Government to intervene and ensure justice for the deceased.

When contacted, the operating officer of Immangel Hospital, Dr. Yomi Adeyemo, said the deceased received adequate medical attention, adding that he treated him with the same level of care he would give his biological father.

He described the death as unfortunate, stating that efforts by him and other hospital staff to resuscitate the patient, who, according to him, presented with symptoms of a heart attack, vomiting and a history of herbal medication use before admission, were unsuccessful.

He also maintained that the hospital deployed its resources to save the patient despite the family's financial constraints, which he said contributed to the outcome.

Adeyemo added that the N2m he agreed to return to the family was a gesture of empathy rather than compensation, noting that the Lagos State Ministry of Health was still investigating the matter.

