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# Umahi: I lost my dad to hospital's negligence

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to rather come to his clinic.

"Being satisfied with the work of that consultant, he went to his clinic and the consultant did a beautiful work and then put an infusion and went home.

"In the night, there was a reverse — blood was coming into the infusion rather than the water going into the body."

Umahi said there was nobody to attend to his father, adding that both the doctor and nurses were nowhere to be found.

He added: "These clinics, most of the time, have a very slim number of workers and so you find out that there are very competing interests.

"My father died because of the negligence of that private hospital."

Umahi said when he was governor, he implemented a policy that prevented doctors working in government hospitals from operating private medical facilities to avoid a conflict of interest.

He said urgent measures must be taken to tackle medical negligence in hospitals.

Senate President Godswill Akpabio recounted a similar experience last Friday.

Akpabio said his grandchild died of medical neglect in a government hospital because he was left unattended to by medical staff on duty.

**F**ORMER Governor of Ebonyi State, Dave Umahi, yesterday said doctors' negligence at a private hospital led to the death of his father.

Umahi, who represents Ebonyi South and is now a minister-designate, spoke during the screening of a ministerial nominee from Kano State, Dr Mariya Mahmoud Bunkure.

He said: "I'm very concerned about a particular programme in the health sector. This programme is a situation that the medical association has allowed. "It's a situation where you will be a medical doctor in a public institution and you also have your private clinic. There will be a competing interest.

"I had a very bad experience of this. My father had surgery in Enugu and he was seen by a very good surgeon."

"When the same problem reoccurred, he went back to the hospital, but the consultant told him