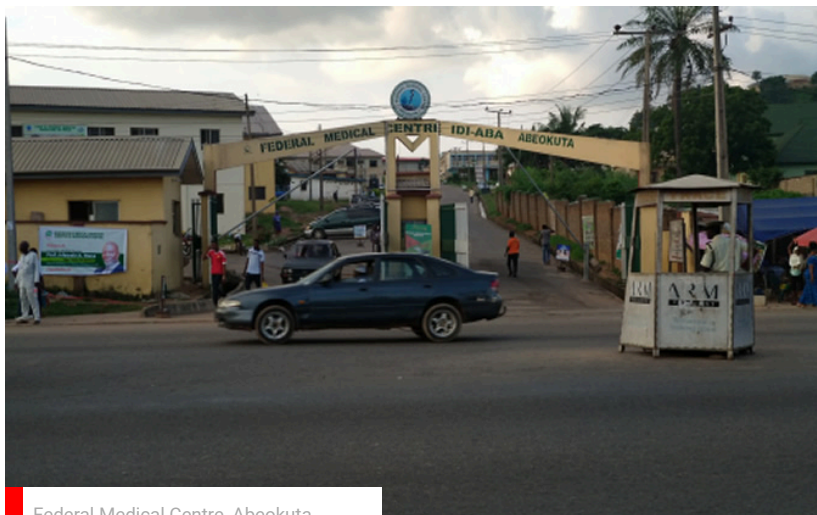




FMC claims innocence as family alleges complicity in son's death

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Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta

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Following the death of a patient, Samuel Okuneye, at the Federal Medical Centre in Idi-Aba, Abeokuta, Ogun State, his family members have accused the hospital management of gross negligence and complicity in his death.

The deceased, a student at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, was reportedly referred to the FMC by the school clinic after being diagnosed with high blood pressure and suspected infection.

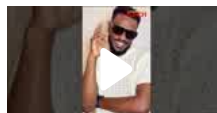
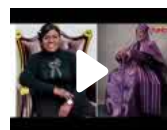
PUNCH Healthwise gathered from his relatives that at the health facility, they faced significant delays in securing a bed space for Samuel due to a shortage of beds.

Speaking with our correspondent, the elder sister of the deceased Olubukola Okuneye said they were forced to wait for hours before her brother could be admitted, despite being in a very critical condition.

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She, however, said her brother's condition worsened after a drip providing essential nutrients was abruptly removed in the middle of the night at the FMC on April 23, 2024.

The distraught sister alleged that Samuel was left in the care of inexperienced trainees during the night, adding that while no doctor was present, the nurses appeared indifferent to his deteriorating condition.

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Olubukola claimed that negligence and lack of proper care ultimately led to her brother's death.

She narrated, "The death of my brother has been the most tragic thing I have ever experienced. I have witnessed the death of my grandparents, but the death of my blood, the only boy my parents had, has been devastating. He was the last born, the baby of the house. This is too difficult for me to say.

"Samuel happens to be a 300-level statistics student of FUNAAB. He is 20 years old and was meant to clock 21 by this September.

"When he fell sick, he was taken to the school clinic and was diagnosed with high blood pressure and infection. The school clinic told us that my brother would need oxygen to regulate his breathing, which they don't have. That was why they transferred him to FMC, Abeokuta. We were contacted and rushed down."

"It was a Monday and we had

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