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She reacted negatively to blood administered on her—Hospital

By Festus Ahon

ASABA—A middle-aged man, Mr. Ngozi Uchebuego, has accused the management of Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Asaba, of complicity in the death of his wife, who died 24 hours after delivering a set of female twins.

Narrating his wife's ordeal, Uchebuego lamented that their marriage was barely nine months old, adding that she died due to negligence and carelessness of the doctors and nurses at FMC.



Late Mrs Uchebuego

Calling on relevant authorities and the public to come to his aid in seeking justice over the manner and circumstances that led to the death of his wife, Uchebuego, in a statement trending on social media, said the doctor told him that his wife's blood pressure was a little above normal and admitted her so she could be monitored till the next day.

He alleged that she was induced twice, as her EDD (Expected Date of Delivery) was March 19.

His words: "I didn't know what it meant to be induced because this is our first experience. But the agony my wife was going through was beyond normal. So I requested to see the doctor and all my efforts were futile.

"I left for some errand and when I returned in the evening, my wife couldn't stand up from the hospital bed; the pains had increased. She told me they induced her the second time on the instruction of a doctor.

“The next day, Wednesday, March 8, my wife was booked for emergency Caesarean Section and the doctor requested for an extra pint of blood, which I made available.

He lamented that she died on Thursday, March 9, after she delivered a set of female twins.

He added: “My wife did not die; my wife was killed by some wicked and heartless people, who claimed to be doctors and nurses at the O and G Ward of FMC, Asaba, after I have paid for everything that was needed.”

His accusation unfair— CMD

Contacted, the Chief Medical Director, CMD, of FMC Asaba, Dr. Victor Osiatuma, confirmed the incident, but denied the allegation that Mrs. Rita Uchebuego was killed.

He said a panel of inquiry was set up, where both parties were invited.

According to Osiatuma, “what really happened was that the deceased was delivered through Cesarean Section and the babies and mother were in perfect condition.

“But the mother was short of blood and unfortunately she reacted negatively to the blood administered on her, which led to the unfortunate incident.”

He disclosed that they have set up a panel of inquiry into the matter, adding that “it will be so unfair on the part of the husband to begin to accuse us that his wife was killed.

“This is a hospital where people are treated to live not to be killed; so nobody is sweeping anything under the carpet.”