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The Sickle Cell Support Society of Nigeria in Collaboration with the
Nigeria Society for Haematology and Blood Transfusion presents:

2020 Virtual Conference

Date: Thursday, June 25 2020 (UPDATED)

Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm WAT / 11:00 am EST / 8:00 am PST

Theme: Reducing the Burden of Sickle Cell Disease in Nigeria-
Utilizing Evidence and the Role of Stakeholders

Chairs: Professor Adekunle Adekile and Professor Aisha Gwarzo

Coordinator: Professor Obiageli Nnodu

Guest Speaker: Dr Maureen Achebe - Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

Guest Lecture Title: Gene Editing for Sickle Cell Disease

Zoom Meeting Link to Register Below:

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Program

1. Chairman's opening remarks: NSHBT & SCSSN (10 mins) - *Professor Adekunle Adekile & Professor Aisha Gwarzo* (12 mins)
2. Meaningful Partnerships in the Fight Against Sickle Cell Disease in Nigeria - *Dr Alayo Sopekan Desk Officer SCD, Federal Ministry of Health* (10 mins)
3. Guest Lecture: Gene Editing for Sickle Cell Disease - *Dr. Maureen Achebe, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston* (20 mins)
4. Living with sickle cell disease - *Arch Maryam Machina* (7 mins)
5. The progress of the Sickle Pan African Research Consortium (SPARCO) project and feasibility of newborn screening for SCD using POCTs (10 mins) - *Professor Obiageli E. Nnodu, Centre of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease Research & Training, University of Abuja, Abuja* (12 mins)
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 - a. Spring Trials from Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital - *Drs Najibah Galadanci/ Shehu Abdullahi, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital* (10 mins)
 - b. Fixed Low-Dose Hydroxyurea for Adults with SCA in Nigeria- *University College Hospital Ibadan, Dr Titi Akingbola* (10 mins)
 - c. Barriers to hydroxyurea treatment in children - *Professor Uche Nnebe-Agumadu - University of Abuja Teaching Hospital* (10 mins)
 - d. Hydroxyurea treatment in children - *Dr Olugbenga Ofakunri* - (10 mins)
7. Other emerging therapies for SCD - *Professor Iheanyi Okpala & Professor Nosa Bazuaye* (15 mins), *University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu*
8. Report from Delta State - *Professor Angela Okolo, Delta State University Teaching Hospital, Asala* (10mins)
9. Ethics of Advocacy, Stakeholders and Community Engagement Work for Sickle Cell Disease - *Professor Emmanuel Okocha, NAUTH, Anambra State* (10 mins)
10. Oxyurea – *Pharmacist Andrew Aina, Bond Chemical Industries, Limited* - (5 mins)
11. Gazelle Microchip POCT Electrophoresis System - *Gerrit van Roekel, Hemex Health, Portland Oregon, USA.* (5 mins)
12. Q and A Session
13. Communique - *Professor Aisha Gwarzo, SCSSN and NSHBT*

Rapporteurs: Dr Anazoeze Madu/ Dr Abdul-Aziz Hassan/ Dr Hezekiah Isa/Dr Samuel Adegoke