ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE (UHS)

The University community is hereby notified of the following information from the University Health Service (Jaja Clinic):

1. **Health Watch**

   There is danger inherent in leaving the surrounding fields and gardens bushy. Such bushy lawns can harbour snakes and some other dangerous reptiles. Members of the community are, therefore, advised to always keep their surroundings mowed, wear covered shoes or ankle boots at nights to forestall snake bites.

2. **Commitment**

   The University management is committed to staff and their immediate dependants (spouse and children under 18 years of age) only. Staff should, therefore, resist/desist from introducing to the UHS, friends, grand-children, parents, neighbours and acquaintances for treatment.

   They should be encouraged to use other facilities in town as UHS could not cope with this deluge. Also, it should be noted that only staff who have their NHIS registration number in UHS Jaja Clinic could access the Pharmacy for drugs.

   Students duly registered for the session can access care/pharmacy drugs free of charge.

3. **Records in UHS**

   All staff are reminded and encouraged to update their UHS records, especially those receiving treatment outside UHS.

4. **UHS Consulting Hours**

   The UHS operates a walk in and by appointment schedule

   (i) Orthopaedic Surgery Clinic Tuesday 12.00 noon – 4.00 p.m.
   (ii) Mental Health Clinic Wednesday 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
   (iii) Asthma Club Monday 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

   Walk in consulting hours remain 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays. Consultation after working hours, weekends and public holidays is available for emergency cases only.

   Bilaterally agreeable appointments could be booked as well.
5. **Special Health Care Assistance**

In recent times, the Board of Health has been inundated with several requests from members of staff for financial support for health care within and outside the country without following due process. The Board has, therefore, decided to bring the following information to the attention of all staff:

(i) The National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) does not run on refunds. The University will also not refund any medical bill not approved by the Board of Health. Consequently, there is no retroactive approval;

(ii) Members of staff who did not choose University Health Service as their National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) provider should not send bills to the University for processing;

(iii) To seek support towards medical treatment, every member of staff should have registered his/her name, spouse and four (4) dependants (ages below 18 years) with the University Health Service;

(iv) Every registered University Staff/dependant(s) should obtain a Referral Letter from the University Health Service (Jaja Clinic) before consulting any health practitioner/facilities outside the University Health Service;

(v) University Health Service should be the Health Centre to recommend staff/dependant/student for any further medical treatment; and

(vi) In respect of overseas treatment, the applicant is expected to submit to the University Health Service, medical report from his/her physician, communication from the choice of hospital abroad and the cost implication for consideration by Board of Health and seek approval before commencement of treatment.

Members of staff should note that failure to follow the above laid down procedure will result in refusal to grant financial assistance towards settling medical bills.

Thank you.

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