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DR. GERTIE CHIMEKA ANYANWOKE
ANPA NATIONAL PRESIDENT





DR. ORANU IBEKIE
NATIONAL TREASURER




## THIS WEEK IN ANPA

LEADERSHIP • INNOVATION • SERVICE • IMPACT




LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

### FROM ONE COMMAND TO ANOTHER

COL Jacqueline Ojimba, DMD

*Takes Command of the 2nd Medical Brigade*



SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY

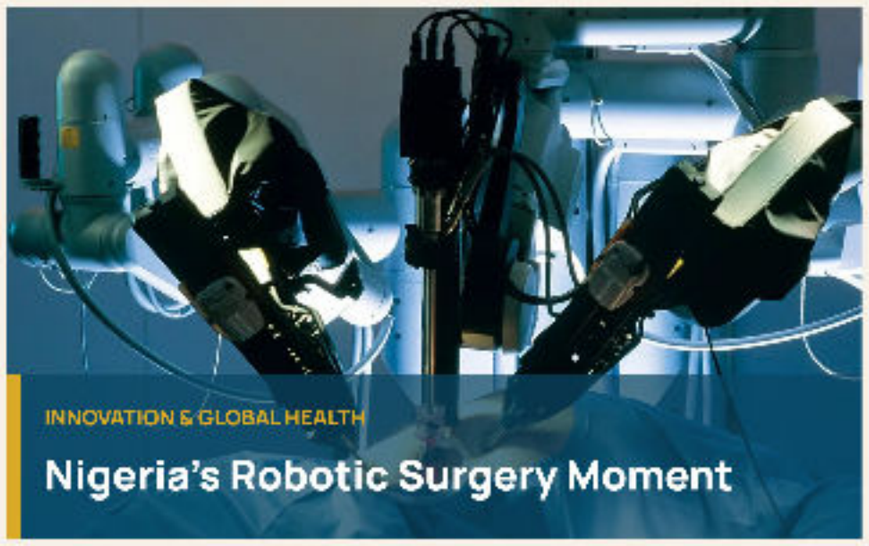
### Drs. Obinna & Chinwe Egbo

## BUILDING HOPE

*Compassion in practice. Philanthropy in action. A commitment to healthier communities.*

SERVICE • COMMUNITY • IMPACT

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CHAPTERS IN MOTION

### ANPA ACROSS AMERICA

*Local leadership. Shared national purpose. Impact reaching communities across America.*

*Our Members Leading. Innovating. Serving. Building Impact.*

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# THE MANY WAYS WE SERVE

*From the President*

**Dr. Gertie Chimeka Anyanwoke, MD, MBA, FIDSA, FACP**



DR. GERTIE CHIMEKA ANYANWOKE
ANPA PRESIDENT

**Dear ANPA Family,**

One of the privileges of serving as your President is seeing the extraordinary breadth of what our members are doing.

***This week's ANPA Pulse tells that story.***

We celebrate a member entrusted with leading thousands of U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers. We see ANPA members helping advance sophisticated surgical technology in Nigeria. We recognize families investing their resources in healthcare infrastructure, members donating essential supplies for patients, and healthcare professionals building institutions that educate and strengthen others.

Across our chapters, members continue to educate communities, advocate for better health, build professional relationships and create spaces where the ANPA family can come together.

These may appear to be very different stories. But they are connected by something fundamental:

> **There are many ways to make an impact. There is a place for each of us.**

## SERVICE.

**Service takes many forms. It can mean leading, teaching, innovating, giving, mentoring, building, volunteering—or simply showing up where we are needed.**

Our responsibility as One ANPA is to connect these individual acts of service so that together they create something larger and more sustainable.

Thank you to every member who continues to serve—in ways seen and unseen.

*Better Together!*

**Dr. Gertie Chimeka Anyanwoke**

**President**

Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas

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## MEMBER LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

LEADERSHIP • HEALTHCARE • MILITARY SERVICE




# FROM ONE COMMAND TO ANOTHER

**COL Jacqueline Ojimba, DMD**

ANPA GEORGIA MEMBER | GENERAL DENTIST | COLONEL, U.S. ARMY RESERVE








## LEADERSHIP IN MOTION

ANPA proudly celebrates COL Jacqueline Ojimba, whose remarkable professional journey brings together healthcare, military service, education and strategic leadership.

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|---|---|
| JUNE 6, 2026 | Relinquished command of the 380th Hospital Center, Bell, California. |
| JUNE 7, 2026 | Assumed command of the 2nd Medical Brigade, Dublin, California. |

**More than 2,100 Soldiers • 40 units • California, Utah and Washington**

## A JOURNEY OF PREPARATION

Science, dentistry and strategic leadership

**BSc, Biochemistry and Chemistry**
Queen Mary College, University of London

**MSc, Pharmaceutical Technology**
King's College, University of London

**DMD**
University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

**General Practice Residency**
VA Dayton, Ohio

**MSS, Strategic Studies**
U.S. Army War College

PROFESSION **General Dentist**

## IN HER OWN WORDS

### What Has Healthcare and Military Service Taught You About Leadership?

For Dr. Ojimba, leadership begins with people, trust and responsibility. Her experience has taught her that leadership is demonstrated through actions rather than position. Rank or title may provide authority, but credibility comes from competence, consistency, accountability and a willingness to serve alongside one's team.

She also believes that strong leaders must develop other leaders. Success is not simply accomplishing today's mission; it means leaving an organization stronger, creating sustainable processes, and helping those around you become more capable and confident.

> *Leadership is a privilege and a responsibility to serve others, especially when circumstances are difficult and the stakes are high.*
>
> — COL JACQUELINE OJIMBA, DMD

## ANPA CELEBRATES

From dentistry to strategic military leadership, COL Ojimba's journey demonstrates the extraordinary breadth of leadership within the ANPA family.

**Congratulations, COL Jacqueline Ojimba. ANPA celebrates your leadership, service and commitment to developing those who will lead after you.**

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## INNOVATION & GLOBAL HEALTH



# NIGERIA'S ROBOTIC SURGERY MOMENT

DIASPORA EXPERTISE • TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER • CAPACITY BUILDING

## WHY THIS MOMENT MATTERS

Nigeria's growing journey into advanced robotic surgery provides a compelling example of what can happen when diaspora expertise, Nigerian healthcare institutions, technology and local capacity building come together.

The story includes robotic procedures performed at Nisa Premier Hospital in Abuja, including a robotic nephrectomy and prostatectomy in November 2025.

## BEYOND PERFORMING THE PROCEDURE

The larger opportunity is not simply to bring specialists home to perform sophisticated procedures.

It is to build local expertise, training pathways, infrastructure and institutional partnerships that allow advanced care to continue.

**BUILD CAPACITY. TRANSFER KNOWLEDGE. STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS.**

## THE ANPA CONNECTION



**Prof. Obi Davies Ekwenna, MD, FACS**

**Academic Urologist • Robotic Surgeon • ANPA Member**

Brought specialized robotic surgical expertise from nis U.S. career into the Nigerian clinical environment.



**Dr. Ibrahim Wada (OON), MBBS, FRCOG, FWACS, MBA**

**Founder, Nisa Premier Hospital • Honorary ANPA Member**

His institutional leadership helped provide a Nigerian platform for this advanced surgical work.

THE GOAL IS

## SUSTAINABILITY, NOT DEPENDENCE.

*Advanced care should continue after the visiting team leaves.*

- Not simply going home to serve.
- Going home to build.
- Going home to teach.
- Going home to transfer knowledge.
- Going home to create systems that endure.

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## SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY



DR. OBINNA EGBO &
DR. CHINWE EGBO

MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF SERVICE

# BUILDING HOPE

## BEYOND THE MEDICAL MISSION

*A legacy of compassion, presence and action.*

### WARD 9 IN UNTH: MORE THAN A FACILITY

The commissioning of Ward 9 in UNTH represented far more than the opening of a healthcare facility.

For Dr. Obinna Egbo and Dr. Chinwe Egbo, it was another expression of a commitment spanning more than two decades of philanthropic and medical service in Nigeria.

DR. OBINNA EGBO RECALLED:

*I fought back tears as I witnessed first hand the huge outpouring of Joy Hope and immense gratitude our people experienced. It was indeed an answer to the prayers of many patients and families.*

— DR. OBINNA EGBO

### A DELIBERATE DECISION TO SERVE

Drs. Egbo made a deliberate decision years ago that they would not remain on the sidelines. Through repeated philanthropic and medical-mission trips. they have become closely acquainted with the challenges confronting local communities.

The challenges can sometimes appear overwhelming.

THEIR RESPONSE REMAINS:

## "WE ARE NEITHER DISCOURAGED NOR DISSUADED."

**Their message is ultimately a call to participation.**

The diaspora's expertise, resources, relationships and presence can become instruments for meaningful change.

For the Egbos, that commitment is deeply rooted in faith and the call to care for others reflected in Matthew 25:35–40.

**One person cannot solve every problem. But every one of us can help solve something.**

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## MEMBERS MAKING AN IMPACT

# DR. CLIFF EKE SUPPORTS CANCER CARE IN NIGERIA

### SERVICE BEYOND THE MEDICAL MISSION

### SERVICE THAT REACHES PATIENTS

ANPA celebrates Clifford C. Eke, MD, FACS, FICS, Immediate Past President of ANPA and a member of the current Executive Leadership, for his continued commitment to healthcare service in Nigeria.

The Foundation for Cancer Care formally acknowledged Dr. Eke's donation of surgical consumables to support patients in need of treatment.

The Foundation confirmed receipt of the supplies and stated that they would be put to good use supporting its beneficiaries.

### ESSENTIAL SURGICAL MATERIALS DONATED

**SURGICAL DYES • MULTIPLE TYPES AND SIZES OF SURGICAL SUTURES • NEEDLES • OTHER ESSENTIAL SURGICAL MATERIALS**

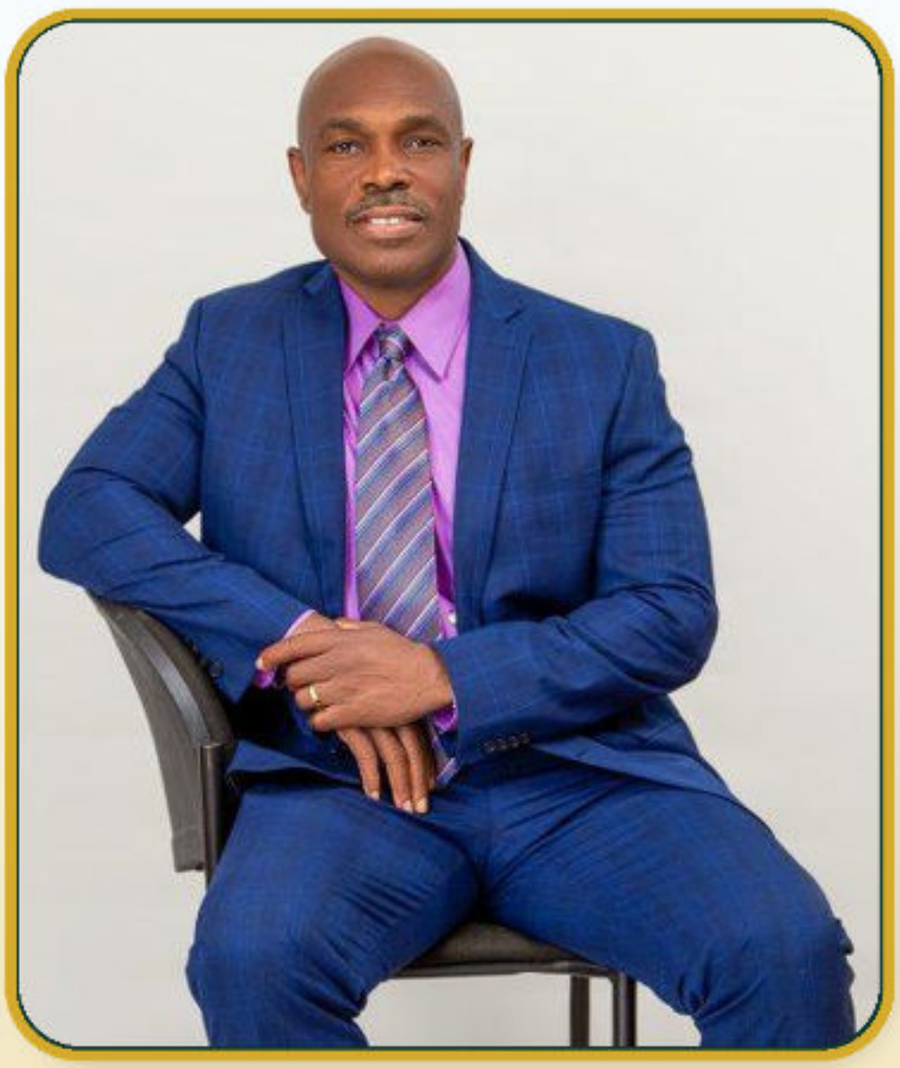
### ABOUT DR. EKE

- **ATTENDING SURGEON**
  Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fontana/Ontario, California
- **ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF SURGERY**
  Loma Linda University School of Medicine
- **FORMER PRESIDENT**
  American Cancer Society, California Division
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
  Imo Medical Mission
- **FOUNDER/CEO**
  Chima Medical Missions International

MEMBER IMPACT PROFILE

### CLIFFORD C. EKE, MD, FACS, FICS

Immediate Past President of ANPA • Current Executive Leadership



**ONE MEMBER. ONE ACT OF SERVICE. REAL IMPACT.**
**ANPA thanks Dr. Eke for continuing to serve.**

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## APP & ALLIED HEALTH CORNER




A PERMANENT ANPA PULSE FEATURE

# YOUR EXPERTISE. YOUR IMPACT. YOUR ANPA.

### DR. TERESA ISICHEI POUNDS, PharmD

CLINICAL PHARMACY • NUTRITION SUPPORT • EDUCATION • GLOBAL HEALTH

This week, ANPA's APP & Allied Health Corner recognizes Dr. Teresa Isichei Pounds, an ANPA member whose professional work spans clinical pharmacy, nutrition support, healthcare education, mentorship and institution building.

### A CAREER ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Dr. Pounds is the Founder and President of the West African Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (WASPEN), a multidisciplinary organization working to advance clinical nutrition across West Africa.

Her career includes more than two decades in clinical pharmacy and metabolic and nutrition support, as well as leadership in residency education and multidisciplinary healthcare programs.

### FROM EXPERTISE TO INSTITUTION BUILDING

Her work has encompassed clinical pharmacy services, nutrition-support programs, antimicrobial stewardship, professional education and healthcare workforce development.

**Through WASPEN, Dr. Pounds has helped build a platform centered on:**

EDUCATION • RESEARCH • ADVOCACY • PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT • MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PERMANENT ANPA PULSE FEATURE

**Expertise can become education. Mentorship. Advocacy. Institution building. Capacity development. And ultimately, better patient care.**

## TELL US YOUR STORY

Are you an ANPA APP or Allied Health member?

**What do you know that the rest of ANPA should know?**

SHARE YOUR:

PUBLICATIONS • AWARDS • RESEARCH • APPOINTMENTS • INNOVATIONS • PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS • COMMUNITY SERVICE • GLOBAL-HEALTH WORK

DIFFERENT EXPERTISE. SHARED PURPOSE. ONE ANPA.

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## TREASURER'S CORNER



**DR. ORANU IBEKIE**

ANPA NATIONAL TREASURER

A PERMANENT ANPA PULSE FEATURE

# EVERY MEMBERSHIP STRENGTHENS ANPA

ANPA's ability to serve members, strengthen chapters, build programs and expand our impact depends on the collective support and engagement of our membership.

### A STRONGER PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Members are encouraged to keep their membership current and invite eligible colleagues who share our mission to become part of our growing professional community.

REMEMBER

**Your ANPA membership remains valid for one year from the month in which your dues are paid.**

Your membership is more than a renewal. It is an investment in the professional community, programs, infrastructure and service mission we are building together.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP. YOUR PARTICIPATION. YOUR ANPA.

RENEW • PARTICIPATE • VOLUNTEER • ENGAGE

*Thank you for supporting ANPA.*

Together, every active member helps extend our collective reach.

**DR. ORANU IBEKIE**

ANPA NATIONAL TREASURER

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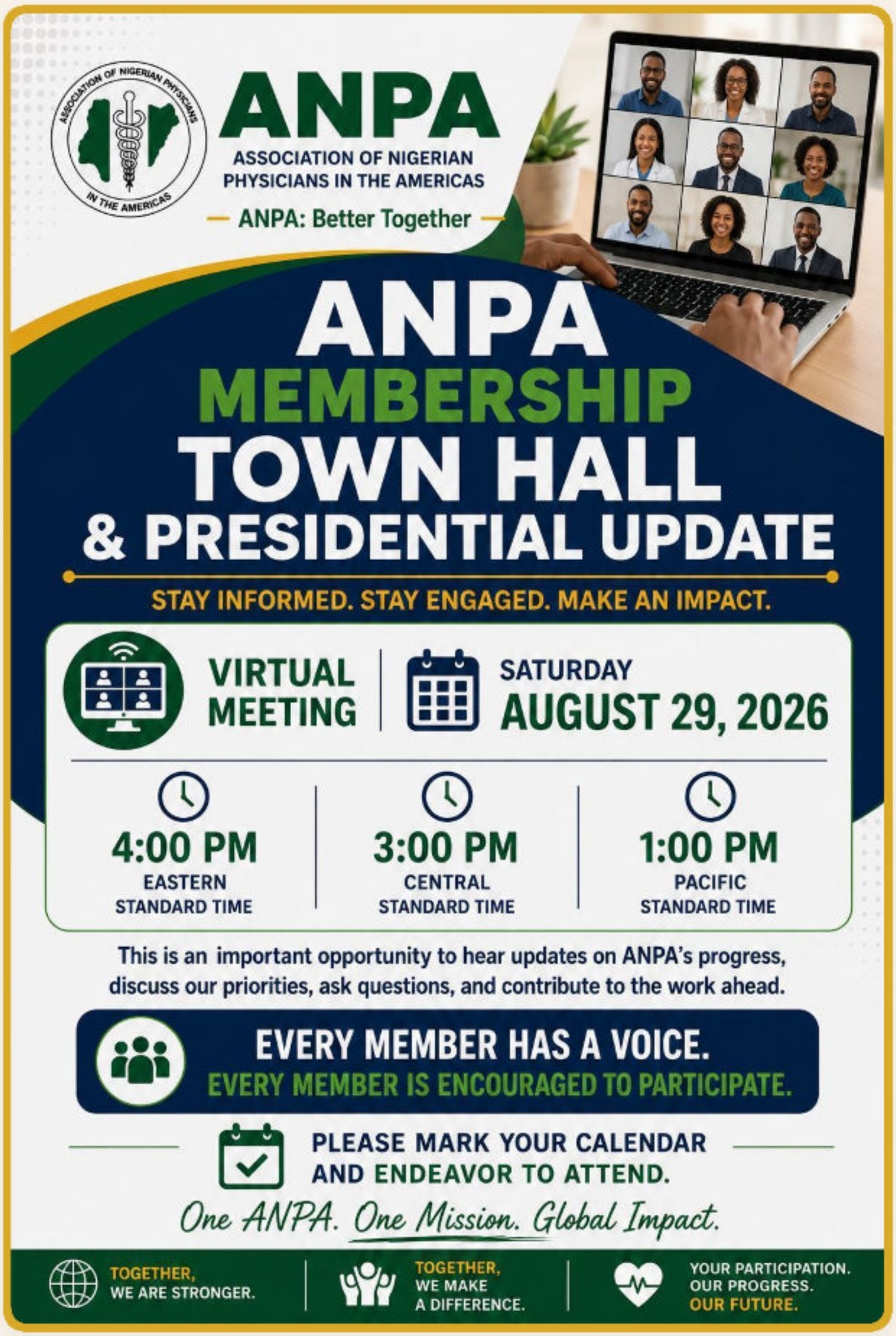
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## BUILDING ONE ANPA




STAY INFORMED. STAY ENGAGED.
MAKE AN IMPACT.

BUILDING ONE ANPA

## ANPA MEMBERSHIP TOWN HALL & PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

**Stay Informed. Stay Engaged. Make an Impact.**

SATURDAY

### AUGUST 29, 2026

| 4:00 PM ET | 3:00 PM CT | 1:00 PM PT |
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### AN INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

ANPA members are invited to this informational gathering and Presidential Update.

This is an opportunity to hear about the work underway across ANPA, learn what lies ahead and remain connected to the direction and progress of our Association.

## EVERY MEMBER HAS A VOICE.

**EVERY MEMBER IS INVITED TO ENGAGE.**

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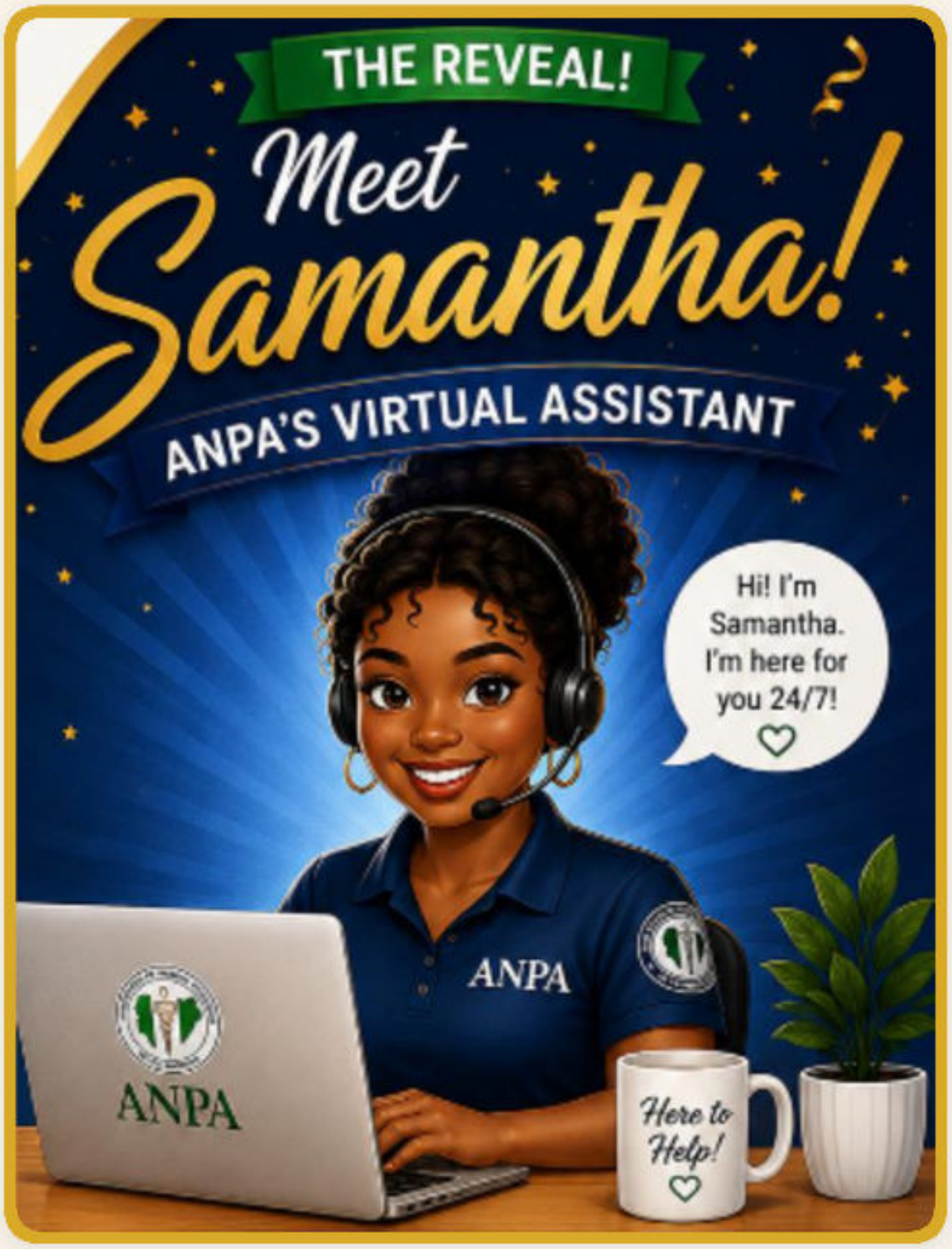
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## BUILDING ANPA'S INFRASTRUCTURE




ANPA'S VIRTUAL ASSISTANT

# HAVE YOU MET SAMANTHA?

### ANPA'S SECRETARIAT CONTINUES TO EVOLVE.

Samantha, ANPA's Virtual Assistant, is now live at ANPA.org, helping members and visitors find information about ANPA membership, programs, events, chapters, committees and resources.

**NOW LIVE AT ANPA.ORG**

Ask questions. Explore ANPA. Help Samantha learn.

**BUT SAMANTHA IS STILL LEARNING ANPA.**

And we need our members to help make her better.

- **ASK HER.**
- **CHALLENGE HER.**
- **TEACH HER.**

### TRY SAMANTHA

Try Samantha. Ask questions. Explore ANPA. If she gets something right, great. If she doesn't, let us know.

### HELP HER IMPROVE

Your feedback will help us continue developing a more useful digital resource for the ANPA community.

**TECHNOLOGY WILL SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE—NOT REPLACE THEM.**

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## CHAPTERS IN MOTION

ACROSS ANPA

*Different Chapters. Different Communities. One ANPA.*

8 UPCOMING EVENTS • AUGUST–OCTOBER 2026




ANPA CONNECTICUT

### The Doctor Speaker Series

AUGUST 27, 2026

6:30–7:30 PM ET • Virtual Panel Discussion

Vaccines, screenings & preventive care across the lifespan



ANPA GEORGIA

### 2026 Sickle Cell Awareness Event

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

9:00 AM–12:00 PM • 2757 East Point Street • Atlanta

Sickle Cell 5K Road Race/Walk




ANPA HOUSTON

### ANPA Houston Reloaded!!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

5:00–8:00 PM • 11721 Forest Glen St • Houston, TX 77024

Physician networking: connect, celebrate, community impact




ANPA MEMPHIS

### Summer Picnic 2026

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

3:00 PM • Shelby Farms • Pine Lake Pavilion

Good food, great company and lasting memories

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## STILL AHEAD ON THE CHAPTER CALENDAR



ANPA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Jollof Social

AUGUST 30, 2026

12:30 PM • 9JAGrills • Oakland, California

Members and families welcome

ANPA CAROLINAS

### Community Health Fair

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

11:00 AM–3:00 PM • First Church Charlotte

Screenings, wellness resources and family activities



ANPA NEW JERSEY

### Biennial Gala

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

7:00 PM • The Mansion • Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

An evening of community and celebration




ANPA MIDDLE TENNESSEE/NASHVILLE

### Nigeria Independence Day Celebration

OCTOBER 3, 2026

2:00–7:00 PM • Lee Victory Recreation Park • Smyrna, TN

Culture, community, food, music and family fun

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IN MEMORIAM

## Dr. Uchenna Chris Ogbuokiri

*In Loving Memory*

ANPA mourns the sudden passing of our esteemed colleague and member, Dr. Uchenna Chris Ogbuokiri.

Dr. Ogbuokiri will be remembered for his warmth, dedication, and commitment to caring for those around him.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and loved ones, and especially to his sister and fellow ANPA member, Dr. Kelechi Ogbuokiri-Loynd.

*May his soul rest in perfect peace.*

## NATIONAL CALENDAR

THREE DATES TO KEEP ON YOUR CALENDAR

**MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP**

AUGUST 29, 2026

### ANPA Membership Town Hall

4:00 PM ET • 3:00 PM CT • 1:00 PM PT

**LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE**

NOVEMBER 12–15, 2026

### ANPA Winter Meeting

San Antonio, Texas

**33RD SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION**

JUNE 23–26, 2027

### Convention & General Assembly

New Orleans, Louisiana

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Supporting connection, service and impact.

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