



WCD 2018: GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM SOCRON

On the occasion of this year's World Cancer Day (Sunday, February 4, 2018), the Society of Oncology and Cancer Research of Nigeria (SOCRON) sincerely recognizes and appreciates the efforts of groups and individuals in combating cancer epidemic both at global and local levels.

Since our founding in 2005, we have focused on our mission of developing the capacity of health care workers in Nigeria to manage patients with cancer and conduct research in cancer. We believe that we can minimize the cancer burden in our society by judiciously applying Dissemination and Implementation Science principles to deliver high quality cancer treatment despite the tremendous challenges faced by government, institutions, health care providers and patients in Nigeria. Furthermore, high quality cancer research can be done in Nigeria which will contribute to global knowledge and control of cancer. The global target of a 25% reduction in premature deaths from cancer and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by 2025 is possible. *"We can. I can."*

With concern, we earnestly call on individuals, corporate bodies, societies, governments, NGOs, all and sundry to be unrelenting in the prevention of cancer and to contribute more in improving cancer care and its research-related endeavors. Please keep up the good work!

Signed

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