

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. GARBA BABALE NAFADA

Dr. Garba Babale Nafada is a Nigerian Senior Lecturer in Health Information Management (HIM) with over forty years of progressive experience spanning clinical nursing, health records administration, health information management education, and international leadership.

I. Education and Academic Background

Dr. Nafada holds a multidisciplinary educational background combining clinical practice, health planning, technology, and management:

- Ph.D. in Information Resources Management (HIM): Babcock University (2023)
- M.Ed. in Health Education: University of Maiduguri (2021)
- M.Sc. in Information Technology: National Open University of Nigeria (2015)
- B.Sc. in Data Management: National Open University of Nigeria (2015)
- B.Sc. in Health Information Management: Houdegbe North American University (2012)
- Master in Health Planning and Management (MHPM): University of Maiduguri (2010)
- Master in Industrial and Labour Relations (MILR): University of Maiduguri (2006)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Management: University of Maiduguri (1999)
- HND in Health Records Administration and Biostatistics: UMTH (1996)
- Post-Basic Certification in Accident & Emergency Nursing: UBTH (1990)
- Basic Nursing Certificate: University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (1985)

II. Career and Leadership History

Dr. Nafada began his career in 1985 as a Registered Nurse and Accident & Emergency Specialist at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH). He later transitioned into health information management, where he accumulated extensive administrative and academic leadership experience:

- **Senior Lecturer (Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare):** Serves in the Department of Health Information Management since February 2025.
- **Head of NHIA Records (Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital):** Managed national health insurance records and optimized referral systems (2021–2025).
- **Provost (College of Health Science and Technology, Maiduguri):** Provided chief academic and administrative leadership (2021).
- **HOD & Lecturer (UMTH School of Health Information):** Led the department (2000–2017) and lectured for two decades (2001–2020), shaping HIM curricula and mentoring students.
- **Governance Roles:** Served as Secretary of the Research and Ethics Committee at UMTH (2012–2017), NHIS Desk Officer at UMTH (2005–2010), and Board Member of the Health Records Officers Registration Board of Nigeria (2003–2009).

III. Global & National Professional Positions

Dr. Nafada has been a key advocate for the HIM profession across Nigeria and internationally: **National President:** Health Information Managers Association of Nigeria (HIMAN), leading over 5,000 members since 2012.

IFHIMA Regional Director for Africa: Represented African HIM professionals on the global board of the International Federation of Health Information Management Associations (2022–2025).

Accreditation Leadership: Lead Accreditation Visitor for the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and Resource Person/ HOD for National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation exercises across several tertiary institutions.

IV. Research and Scholarly Contributions

Dr. Nafada maintains an active research portfolio focusing on health systems, digital health transformation, and health data governance.

Key Research Areas: Electronic Medical Records (EMR/EHR) interoperability, knowledge management in HIM, cybersecurity in health services, HIV/AIDS surveillance systems, AI integration in African healthcare, and clinical data quality assurance.

Publications: Published widely in peer-reviewed journals (such as *Journal of Applied Information Science and Technology*, *Unizik Journal of Educational Research*, and *Tropical Journal of Nursing*) and international conference proceedings, including IFHIMA global platforms.

V. Fellowships and Professional Recognitions

He holds fellowship statuses in three major professional bodies:

FHIM: Fellow of the Health Information Management Association (2012)

FIIM: Fellow of the Institute of Information Management (2016)

FHISN: Fellow of the Health Informatics Society of Nigeria (2019)

I present to you Dr. Garba Babale Nafada