



Speaker Profile

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Christopher Ente is a consultant in Patient Safety and the Science of healthcare improvement at Imperial College London and Director of Patient Safety and Quality Care for Africa (PASQUA). He graduated in Computer Science and Statistics from the University of Uyo and holds a Masters degree in Computer Network and Communication from the University of Westminster in England. He has worked in various Information Technology companies in Lagos, Kaduna and Port Harcourt. His last appointment in Nigeria was with the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) where he worked as an IT Engineer in EA Project in Port Harcourt. He developed an interest in healthcare while working at the University College London Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH) in England as Health Information Quality Analyst. He was part of the team responsible for testing the Trust Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system and making recommendation for performance turning. It was at UCLH that he discovered the use of information in driving quality in healthcare.

He also worked at the Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BTUH) in Essex, England as Clinical Document Management Manager. At BTUH he was involved in the development and

implementation of healthcare policies, standard operating procedures and clinical guidelines, and worked closely with the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) in the implementation of its guidance on preventing and treating ill health in the Trust.

As a result of his interest in healthcare (particularly in the field of quality and safety improvement) he went on to study another Masters Degree programme in Quality and Safety in Healthcare at Imperial College London. His areas of expertise include healthcare risk management, clinical governance, clinical research, clinical audit, medical errors management, clinical incident investigation and prevention. For the past five years he has been working with various healthcare organisations including the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and has been heavily involved in the development, implementation and maintenance of high quality and robust systems within these organisations to deliver the highest standards and first class care. He has carried out and implemented a great deal of care quality improvement programmes in Emergency Medicine.

He leads the Patient Safety and Healthcare quality research programme of PASQUA. His research current research include the use of effective communication in driving integrated Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) and Paediatric HIV/AIDS in Africa and he has been working closely with the Karios Community Development Centre in Uganda on the project. He is a member of the Society for Quality in Healthcare in Nigeria, British Association of Research Quality Assurance, Association of Clinical Research Professionals and United Kingdom Patient and Public Involvement.