

Biography of Adeola Olaitan MBBS MD MRCOG

I am a Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist at the University College London Hospital which, as well as being the gynaecological cancer centre for the North London Cancer Network, is one of the leading teaching hospitals and NHS trusts in the UK. I specialise in the treatment of women with gynaecological cancer and have a particular interest in quality of life in young women after treatment for cancer. I am also a fully trained general gynaecologist and treat women with non-cancer related gynaecological problems.

I obtained my Medical Degree from University College Hospital London where I was distinguished with a certificate of merit in surgery. As part of my training in obstetrics and gynaecology, I worked in many of London's leading Hospitals and obtained the MRCOG. Following this, I undertook a two-year research program into the immunology of the female genital tract at the Royal Free Hospital, London. I was awarded an MD for my thesis by the University of London. I undertook subspecialty training in Gynaecological Oncology at St Michael's Hospital, the women's teaching hospital of Bristol University and was awarded subspecialty accreditation by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. I am also an accredited minimally invasive surgeon and offer women the minimally invasive approach to surgery for gynaecological cancer where appropriate. I have received several prizes and awards for my work at various stages of my career.

I maintain an interest in research and have published work in several leading journals. I have also written book chapters and review articles for specialist publications. In addition, I have written articles for lay magazines and internet health web sites. I have made several guest appearances on 'Health Focus', a BBC World service program where I answer questions from listeners in Africa about gynaecological health topics. I also represent the National Health Service Cervical Screening Program for the media.

I lead a pilot study looking at the feasibility and acceptability of low cost screening for cervical cancer in women in Lagos Nigeria. The screening program was made possible by a grant from the UCL Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Institute for Women's Health.