

DR. EDEAGHE EHIKHAMENOR

Dr. Edeaghe Eikhamenor is a lecturer, dental surgeon, and clinical pharmacologist at the University of Benin, Benin-City, Nigeria. His specialization is on alcohol and substance abuse's effect on traffic safety in Nigeria. He is the Founder and Coordinator General of a life-saving NGO called [Save Accident Victims Association of Nigeria \(SAVAN\)](#). SAVAN was established 31 August 1996 and operates several offices in Nigeria. A visit to its website is inspirational and motivational. SAVAN recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with unveiling of several ambulances for rescue operations, special hotline numbers, and a donation of property by the University of Benin to build the corporate head office of SAVAN. The organization acts as a major platform not only for charity, but also research and data collation on Road Traffic Accidents (RTA), an area with minimal academic work in Nigeria. SAVAN is actively collaborating with several health institutions in Nigeria in managing Road Traffic Accident victims.



Dr. Eikhamenor is a Gold Merit award winner from the Nigeria Medical Association, Edo state branch, and has received several other awards based on his humanitarian work. He has published in several peer-reviewed journals on his practical daily findings on Nigeria's highways, including:

- "Comparative Analysis of Traumatic Death in Nigeria between RTA and Robbery by Fire-arms, Preliminary Report" (*Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*);
- "Pattern of traumatic death in an accident and emergency unit" (*Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*);
- Digital Screening of Blood Alcohol Concentrations (BAC) of Vehicle operators in a Southern Nigeria City. (Published in *Traffic Injury Prevention Journal*);
- Comparative analysis of Sosoliso and Bellview air crash in Nigeria.

Dr. Eikhamenor has been a Board member of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine since 2003 and has contributed in enhancing memberships in WADEM from African countries. He has participated actively in several international conferences on disaster health, highlighting the complex issues facing transitional countries such as Nigeria. Dr. Eikhamenor has successfully sustained a regular one-hour TV media advocacy programme for the past eight years tagged "Savan and You" focusing on safety, accidents, and rescues. The programme includes the participation of a live audience.