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Introduction
Health policy is often less of a priority than other policy areas, yet its importance is often underestimated. It is often considered as a single point solution or a series of incremental changes. However, health policy is a complex and interrelated field that requires a multidisciplinary approach to address the multifaceted challenges it presents.

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, in collaboration with the University of Ibadan, hosted a roundtable on health law and policy. The event was attended by representatives from various sectors, including government officials, legal practitioners, academics, and civil society organizations.

The Roundtable included discussions on a range of topics, including the role of law in promoting health, the impact of health policy on access to healthcare, and the challenges faced by policymakers in implementing effective health policies.

Recommendations
1. The importance of having a comprehensive and robust health policy that addresses both primary and secondary healthcare needs.
2. The need for a multi-sectoral approach to healthcare, involving government, civil society, and the private sector.
3. The importance of research and evidence-based policy making.
4. The need for adequate funding and resources for healthcare services.
5. The importance of community involvement and engagement in the development of health policies.

Conclusions
The roundtable was an excellent opportunity to bring together experts from various fields to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing health policy in Nigeria. The discussions highlighted the need for a more integrated and collaborative approach to healthcare, as well as the importance of evidence-based policy making.

The recommendations put forward by the participants will be considered as we work towards implementing effective health policies in Nigeria.

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