

Mersck Capacity Advancement Program



On May 5th, 2015 the College of Health Sciences was honored to have Dr. Frank Stangenberg Haverkamp, Chairman of Family board and executive board of MERCK visiting for the second time. He was accompanied by Ms Rasha Kelej, Head of Global Business Social responsibility and Market development of Merck including other company officials.

The visit was made to initiate a joint venture in the implementation of a Merck Cancer Control program (MCCP) in partnership with Oxford University and other African Universities as part of the Merck capacity Advancement Program.

The program was foreseen to aid in providing Medical Education and awareness about Cancer early detection and prevention. Since 30% of Cancer cases can be prevented if you stop smoking, Eat healthy and exercise regularly and limit alcohol intake and 30% can be treated with basic treatment if detected early enough.

The Merck Cancer Control was to be launched on the 15th of June 2015 and consequently be moved to Uganda and Tanzania. The program would help in coming up with new policies and applying appropriate health guidelines to control Cancer and improve its survival rate.

In his speech the College Principal Prof. Isaac O. Kibwage urged students to take the course seriously as it would contribute towards reducing the economic and social burden of Cancer in Kenya. He also reminded them that they were the future Healthcare leaders.

He finally thanked the Merck Capacity Advancement program for supporting both Diabetes and Cancer Management and providing valuable courses for medical students. He noted that the College would kick off the third year of the European accredited Clinical Diabetes Management in the month of October 2015.

The University of Nairobi was very proud to partner with Merck, the world's oldest pharmaceutical and Chemical Company, established in 1668.