

Prof J. N. Githang'a Delivers a Talk at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), USA



On 1st July 2014, Prof Jessie Githanga of the Department of Human Pathology, Unit of Haematology and Blood Transfusion gave two talks at the NCI Shady Grove and Bethesda campuses, Maryland, USA, at the invitation of Dr Sanford M. Dawsey, a senior investigator at the Nutritional Epidemiology Branch of the NCI. Both talks centred on pathology training and services in Kenya and exploring collaboration with the NCI and roused much interest in the pathology training programme at the UON. The talk at the Shady Grove campus of the NCI was at the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics and the audience included pathologists, epidemiologists and the Africa subgroup of the NCI Centre for Global Health. Several attendees from other campuses joined the talk via video-link. At the Bethesda campus besides giving the talk, Prof Githanga participated in a scheduled group sign out session of difficult haematopathology cases with Prof Stefania Pittaluga, a haematopathologist at the NCI, and fellows and residents. She was also given a tour of the ultra-modern patient focussed cancer hospital. Currently the Department of Pathology through Prof Githanga is involved in several collaborative studies on oesophageal cancer with a team from the NCI headed by Dr Dawsey, and researchers from Tenwek Hospital in Kenya.