## Women for women surgical team pays courtesy call on department of surgery

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Dr. Constance Neuhann-Lorenz from Germany and President of the <u>Woman for Women</u> surgical group and <u>Dr. Andrea Pusic</u>, Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon at <u>Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer</u> <u>Center</u> and <u>Cornell University</u> in New York City paid a courtesy call on the chairman, department of surgery 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

Doth visitors are also members of the International Society of Aesthetic plastic Surgery.

The duo were on a visit to the Kenyatta National Hospital to run surgical clinics for patients requiring aesthetic surgery. Their surgeries concentrate mainly on women who may have need for aesthetic surgery following violence. Such patients may face significant sociocultural

problems making access to this kind of surgery challenging. Hence their interest in this vulnerable group of surgical patients.

This is their third visit to the hospital, and have so far operated on three needy patients.

It was resolved they would have a greater association with the department. Their escort, Professor Stanley Khainga and Dr. Wanjiri karanja would follow this up on behalf of the department.

It was also agreed there was a need to encourage greater participation of women in the field of surgery. This was evidenced by the department having made significant headway in increasing the number of women on the academic faculty.