

Varsity Scholar Wins American Award

Dr. Francis Ndemo, a Lecturer at the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, has been awarded the 1988 American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP) Research Award. This prestigious Award is given annually for the best Clinical Research Article.

The article which was selected for the award is titled "Altered Aminoglycoside Pharmacokinetics in Critically Ill Patients With Sepsis" and published in the *American Clinical Pharmacy Journal*. The article was based on a research project done during his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1986 at the University of Minnesota and will be presented in December at the 1988 Annual ASHP Mid-year Clinical Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Ndemo received his earlier edu-



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cation at Cardinal Otunga High School and Strathmore College. In 1973 he received the British Technical Aid Award to study a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at Leicester School of Pharmacy, England. He trained at a University of London teaching Hospital, Royal Free Hospital, for his Membership of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. While at the School of Pharmacy Dr. Ndemo received Fison prize for the best Pharmacology student. In 1983 he received a Fulbright scholarship to study a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Dr. Ndemo also did Post-doctoral clinical pharmacokinetics fellowship at a Regional Kidney Disease Programme, Hennepin County Medical Centre, U.S.A. His current research is

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on Drug bioavailability, Pharmacokinetics and Community-based Drug Studies.

Among other positions, Dr. Ndemo is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Pharmaceutical Journal of Kenya* and the author of "Pharmacy Consultant Viewpoint" column in the *Sunday Standard*. He is also a Consultant Clinical Pharmacist, Renal Unit, Kenyatta National Hospital.

Varsity Focus congratulates Dr. Ndemo for this prestigious award which is not only a reflection of his academic credentials but also a tribute to the University of Nairobi as well.