

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

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The year 2012 started quietly as most of the lecturers were on leave. The event followed as follows:-

- 1) The Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS) was held as usual over three days 16-18 January 2012. The group was very large at 50 as compared to expectation of 25 only.
- 2) In February the first batch of M.Med(Ortho) group of three students sat their final examination and passed.
- 3) Interviews were held in March and two new lecturers, Fred Sitati and Richard Ombachi were appointed bringing to a total of 14 members of academic staff.
- 4) Prof. L.N. Gakuu travelled to Uganda as external examiner in Makerere in May.
- 5) Prof. Mulimba travelled to Dar-es-salaam to be external examiner at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute in July.
- 6) Prof. Mulimba travelled to Johannesburg to give a lecture on 'Arthroplasty in resource limited Africa' on invitation at a conference of Africa Health.
- 7) Departmental meetings were held on 27-3-2012, 27-6-2012, 14-8-2012, 16-9-2012 and 25-9-2012. They discussed routine departmental matters including examinations.
- 8) Members of staff took part in community outreach programmes in July and September. The July involved orthopaedic examinations and operations in Meru, whereas the September was in general and orthopaedic surgery in Kitale, West Pokot region.

- 9) Members of staff attended and presented papers at various meetings including September 2012 in Malindi where a number read papers at the Kenya Orthopaedic Association (KOA) meeting. Others went to the COSECSA meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27-11-12 to 03-12-2012.
- 10) The Nairobi Surgical Skills Centre (NSSC) was launched on 1-11-2012 at Chiromo with the main guest being the Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance. The 2nd course at the Centre was for cadaveric knee arthroplasty. This now continues to be a very busy Centre training various medical cadre in Laparoscopy. Hernia repairs, basic surgical skills and arthroplasty.

As a whole it was a successful year for the department.

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