

LANCET COMMISSION ON GLOBAL SURGERY

The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery held a meeting in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 19th to 21st, June to discuss and make a case to the World Health Organization (WHO) about the importance of surgery in the world today, especially with regards to trauma.

The commission is headed by John Maera from Harvard, Boston, Andy Leather from Kings College, London and Lars Hagander from Lund, Sweden with a team of 20 appointed commissioners. The commission is mandated to discuss the political context of Health Finance and Health prioritization in countries with emphasis on health delivery and management.

Areas of Information management, Workforce Education and training, Healthcare Delivery and Management, and Finance and Economics were discussed in group discussions in order to achieve the goal of preparing a detailed document to guide the WHO at their meeting in May 2015, to give Surgery the true importance it deserves, in the sphere of healthcare.

Professor Pankaj G.Jani of the University of Nairobi Department of surgery is a member of the Lancet Commission. The department is proud of him and congratulates him for his appointment and participation.