

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT DOES FIRST SHOULDER REPLACEMENT SURGERY PROJECT



Mrs. Lily Koros, CEO KNH (Centre) with arthroplasty team members and officials from Kenyatta National Hospital and the University of Nairobi. From left to right: Mr. Daniel Odipo, Dr. Ezekiel Oburu, Dr. Jerald Cooper, Dr. Peter Kinyanjui, Dr. Fred Sitati, Ms. Koros, Prof. , Dr. Githae, Prof. Atinga and Dr. James Mogire.

Since 1998, Dr. Jerald Lee Cooper MD and Mr. Daniel Odipo have visited the University of Nairobi, Orthopedic Department and Kenyatta National Hospital. They have been involved in skills transfer and donation of orthopedic equipment and implants involving millions of dollars over the last 16 years. Over the years they have come with teams of health workers involving up to 40 people.

This year, Dr. Cooper MD and Mr. Odipo held a successful arthroscopy and arthroplasty project from 28th July to 4th August 2014. They operated on 26 patients over the period and are donating an arthroscopy tower and equipment costing over 6 million Kenya shillings.

The team of Consultant orthopedic surgeons from Kenya that was closely involved in the project included Dr. Kinyanjui from the Kenyatta National Hospital, Dr. Fred Sitati and Dr Ezekiel Oburu from the University of Nairobi, Orthopedic Department as well as other staff and students.

This year the focus was on doing shoulder hemiarthroplasty. This surgery is currently not offered in Kenya, mainly due to the high cost of the implants involved.

The team together with officials from the Kenyatta National Hospital and University of Nairobi had a meeting with the Kenyatta National Hospital CEO Mrs. Lily Koros to discuss the future of the collaboration .