

VISIT BY SENIOR HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND FOR PEER LEARNING EXERCISE FROM 19TH TO 23RD JANUARY 2015

As part of a visit to Kenya for peer learning a team of senior officials from the Ministry of Health, kingdom of Swaziland visited the Kenyatta National Hospital and University of Nairobi Complex. The meeting took place at the Accident and Emergency Department.

The visiting team consisted of;

Dr. Velephi Okello	Deputy director – Clinical. Ministry of Health, Swaziland
Thembisile Khumaho	Chief Nursing Officer. Ministry of Health, Swaziland
Khasi Mthethwa	Health Systems Adviser. Ministry of Health, Swaziland
Babasile Shongwe	Research Officer. Ministry of Health, Swaziland
Dr. Kibet Seigon	WHO, Kenya
Shrish Manogaran	WHO, Kenya
Dr. Annah Wamae	Ministry of Health, Kenya

The meeting commenced with introductions and remarks from the local team lead by Dr. Bernard Githae (Deputy Director Clinical Services) and the deputy Chief Nursing Officer for KNH and Professors Fred Were (Dean, School of Medicine) and Stephen Ogendo (Chairman, Department of Surgery) for University of Nairobi.

Prof Githae made a presentation to the visitors on general aspects of the hospital followed by Prof. Were who similarly briefed the visitors on the functioning of the Medical School and how the two institutions relate to each other

The visiting team then defined their expectations from their visit to the KNH complex. The team had a number of objectives they wished to achieve through their visit and these were primarily to benchmark with the two institutions. The main areas of interest to them were;

1. Familiarise themselves with the organogram of the hospital.
2. Understand the management of the clinical departments.
3. Determine the role Government support (financial) played in the running of the hospital.
4. Understand the role played by support services in the hospital.
5. Have a briefing of the hospital information system.
6. Be briefed on research activities that take place within the KNH complex.
7. How staff remuneration and service are measured against each other.
8. What is the hospital quality assurance policy.

There followed a question and answer session that was very rewarding and laid the way for future communication and possible avenues for collaborations.

It was agreed that avenues for future cooperation existed and these should be explored through memoranda of understanding or other similar instruments.

There then followed a courtesy call on the office of the Dean, School of Medicine and a tour of the hospital.