

Cancer Symposium Held at the CHS

On the 8th April 2015, the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital held a cancer symposium in lecture theatre III, College of Health Sciences. The theme of the symposium was “Taking Cancer Care to the Next Level”

This was the second cancer symposium and the 13th in a series of symposia organised by the two institutions. The lead unit for this particular symposium was the oncology team.

The symposium was well attended by over twenty different institutions from all over the country and covered a wide spectrum of cancer related issues.

It was observed that Kenyatta National Hospital, as the main referral centre for oncological cases sees on average 40,000 new cases annually. It delivers approximately 36,000 radiotherapy sessions in addition to the chemotherapy sessions it offers. This is a very heavy load and there are arrangements at an advanced stage to open a new cancer unit. This is to be located near the nurses’ mess that should be operational very soon easing the work load.

The department of surgery through Prof. Mungai and Dr. Daniel Ojuka made two presentations.