

The investigators of an ongoing Paediatric Respiratory Epidemiology Surveillance (Press)

Study visited the Anatomic Pathology Unit. The objective of the meeting was to participate in joint study activities focusing on establishment of the etiology of paediatric respiratory disease mortality. The team also provided feedback to Clinicians, faculty and registrars at the departments of paediatrics and Pathology.

Collaborating institutions are the University of Nairobi's Anatomic Pathology Unit and the Department of Paediatrics & Child Health; Centres for Disease Control (CDC), Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH). The investigators of the study include three US based Pathologists: Dr Sherif Zaki, head of CDC's division of high consequence pathogens,

Atlanta; Professor Corinne Fligner, Paediatric Pathologist, University of Washington and Professor Drusilla Roberts, Paediatric Pathologists, Harvard University. The investigators from the Kenyan CDC office are Dr Henry Njuguna, epidemiologist; Dr Joshua Mott, epidemiologist and Mr Peter Muturi, Project manager. Investigators from the Anatomic Pathology Unit are Prof Emily Rogena and Dr Edwin Walong. Investigators from the Department of Paediatrics are Professor Elizabeth Obimbo and Professor Grace Irimu. Kenyatta National Hospital is represented by Dr Andrew Gacii.

The study findings will be useful for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of paediatric pneumonia. Through this collaboration, there has been significant improvement of the University of Nairobi's research capacity in Infectious Disease Pathology through technology transfer as well as improvement of technical and academic staff competence. Three Master of Medicine (MMed Pathology) students have developed research projects.