

## Courtesy visit made to the College of Health Sciences by NUVASIVE SPINE FOUNDATION.



A courtesy visit was made by NuVasive Spine Foundation to the [College of Health Sciences](#) on 25th February, 2015 to discuss on possible collaborations between the two institutions. In attendance during the meeting were the President, NuVasive/Spine Surgeon Dr. Paul A. Glazer, Principal College of Health Sciences, [Prof. Isaac O. Kibwage](#), Chief Operating Officer, NuVasive Mr. Patrick S. Miles, Foundation Ambassador, NuVasive Pichou Malaba, Anthony Khlon including other staff members from the College and [Kenyatta National Hospital](#).

Prof. Isaac Kibwage welcomed the Nuvasive foundation team and pointed out that there was need to explore collaboration with Havard University, U.S.A.

The president, NuVasive Foundation Dr. Paul A. Glazer said that NuVasive was an innovation medical device company focused on developing minimally disruptive surgical products and procedures for the spine and it was the third largest company in the United States of America. The foundation's goal was to transfer knowledge to local surgeons and students hence its desire to collaborate with the [University of Nairobi](#).

He noted that Kenyatta National Hospital was in collaboration with NuVasive Foundation and so far one hundred and ten patients had benefited. He also said that the NuVasive Foundation was dedicated to providing life changing spine surgery to individuals in disadvantaged communities in U.S.A. and abroad. He was adamant that collaborating with the college would in the end benefit students and lecturers in the College and University entirely.

The Chairman, [Department of Orthopaedic Surgery](#), [Prof. Atinga Oluoch](#) said that his Department had seen the need to run a Fellowship programme on Spine Surgery in collaboration with NuVasive Foundation.

At the end of the meeting a deliberation was made. The outcomes were that the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery should start drafting a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the College

of Health Sciences and [NuVasive Spine Foundation](#). The Department should also further start preparing a curriculum for the Fellowship in Spine Surgery.