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Alumni News

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Message from Dean Robert Armstrong

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Medical College Alumni Newsletter!

This November we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Medical College in East Africa. We are excited by the incredible journey that we have taken and our Alumni are at the heart of this journey. [More >](#)

AKUH to Provide Advanced Care for Children



AKUH in Nairobi to establish a Children's Specialty Hospital and Cancer Research Centre

CEO, Shawn Bolouki, shows AKU trustees the new Centre which will offer the most advanced care for children in the region. It will be among other firsts that the hospital is investing in with a view to boosting the quality of healthcare services in Kenya. [More >](#)

New Buildings, New Opportunities



AKU's University Centre will provide new opportunities for its students and faculty across the East Africa Region
Currently under construction, the new University Centre will enable AKU to expand its undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and fellowship training programmes. By bringing all entities together in one building, the scope for collaboration and growth is endless, particularly in the East African region.

Alumni Spotlight: Stanley Aruyaru '16



Dr Stanley Aruyaru encourages surgeons to publish their cases to improve health care

Dr Aruyaru works as a Consultant, General Surgeon in Nyeri County and is also an Associate Editor of Annals of African Surgery (AAS), a journal of the Surgical Society of Kenya. As editor, he challenges physicians to publish their patient care to document real stories which can be used as data for further study and withstand peer review. [More >](#)

About our Faculty



Dr Rose Ndumia, Section Head of Breast Imaging, Radiology Department shares the benefits of early screening of breast cancer in preventing the disease

Dr Ndumia, '12, has been championing the early screening and detection of breast cancer patients in Kenya. She shares her knowledge about breast imaging technology and how early screening and detection can be crucial towards reducing the disease in the country. [More >](#)

Special Feature: Professor Hussein Kidanto



Associate Dean in Dar es Salaam, Professor Hussein Kidanto, shares his dream for the Medical College to be the best in East Africa

Professor Kidanto joined the Medical College in Tanzania in February 2018. In this special feature, he shares his successes and challenges in making the Medical College in Dar es Salam into the best facility in the region for health care and research. [More >](#)

Research Update



AKU has launched its 5-year research strategic plan for 2019 to 2023

Led by the Medical College and School of Nursing and Midwifery East Africa, the goal of the strategic plan is to guide faculty-wide academic program development, in line with AKU's vision to become a global research university. [More >](#)

Residents in Action



AKU and primary healthcare providers conduct a rotation programme in rural, coastal communities in Kilifi County
Dr Florence Mbatia and Dr Nelson Fundi, residents in the Department of Family Medicine, talk about their experience of working with patients in these communities. [More >](#)

Medical College East Africa in the News

Medical College faculty members in the media - take a look!

HPV vaccination key in tackling cervical cancer

The surveillance Kenya needs to prevent Ebola

How Kenya can save its antibiotics

Good policies can help reduce baby deaths

Upcoming Events

Early-Career Health Researchers' Symposium

October 5, Nairobi

The Annual AKU Early-Career Health Researchers' Symposium targets early career health scientists and aims to provide them with a platform to showcase their work, receive feedback, network with their peers and senior researchers from other academic and research institutions. [More >](#)

Conference on Early Human Development

October 24-26, Karachi

This international conference will provide an interdisciplinary forum to engage on pressing issues where urgent actions are required to make a positive difference in the lives of children. Alumni from the Medical College in East Africa are encouraged to attend. [More >](#)

Update from Alumni Affairs



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