

CHS hosts 2nd Medical-Legal issues in Health Symposium

Medical practitioners have been advised to always document the way they handle their patients and safely keep the records to avert cases of medical negligence.

According to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) acting Deputy Director Clinical Services Dr. Bernard Githae, cases of medical negligence against the medical practitioners have been on the rise in the country and can quickly be determined if proper records are provided to the Kenya Medical and Practitioners and Dentists Board (KMPDB).

His sentiments were echoed by KPMDB CEO Daniel Yumbya who said most patients are now aware of their rights with regards to access to healthcare and expect a satisfactory standard of medical care from a doctor when they seek treatment.

The two were speaking during the second Medico-Legal Issues in Health Symposium organized by Kenyatta National Hospital in partnership with University of Nairobi College of Health Sciences (CHS) on 9th September, 2016.

Representing the CHS Principal, Prof. Isaac Kibwage, School of Medicine Dean, Prof. Fredrick Were talked to the health practitioners on the need for patient protection where he urged the practitioners to protect the patients from exploitation.

The symposium was organized to provide a forum for medical and legal experts to share ideas, and learn from each other the innovative methods of addressing challenges in health care.