Integrating palliative care in cancer management: an overview the Kenya situation

Clinical, Palliative care, patient experience, psychosocial aspect

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Cancer Situation in Kenya

• Over 30,000 new cases every year (WHO estimates over 85,000)

• Prevalence not known (No population based registry)
• Over 80% percent of cancer cases present late

• Accessing cancer screening and treatment is one of the major hurdles cancer patients face
• One public radiotherapy machine-old, long queues
• Chemotherapy drugs either expensive or not available
New developments

- Integrating palliative care into public hospitals
- 1st National Cancer Control Strategy 2010-2016
- National Guidelines for Cancer Management 2013
- National Palliative care Guide 2013
- National Palliative Care Training Curriculum
- Morphine on EML
- Training of HCPs on Going PC integrate in medical/nursing undergraduate core curriculum