



New Appointments



Mrs. Dinah Kirwa
SAD – Human Resource and Administration

Mrs. Dinah Kirwa; Senior Assistant Director – Human Resource and Administration with effect from 3rd January 2012. Mrs. Kirwa holds a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource Development from Moi University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from Nairobi University. She has also undertaken a higher Diploma

in Human Resource Management from the Institute of Human Resource Management.

Mrs. Kirwa who has over eighteen years wealth of experience was previously the Human Resource Manager at Daystar University and has also worked with the Ministry of Public Works and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in similar capacity.



Eng. Johnson Machira
SAD – Technical Services

Eng. Johnson Machira; Senior Assistant Director – Technical Services with effect from 1st January 2012. Eng. Machira previously worked at JKUAT and the Kenya Bureau of Standards. He holds a Master and Bachelor of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the Jomo Kenyatta University of

Science and Technology (JKUAT). Eng. Machira is a Registered Graduate Engineer with the Kenya Engineers Regulatory Board and a Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya.



Mrs. Rose M. Njoroge
Supply Chains Manager

Mrs. Rose M. Njoroge Supply Chains Manager with effect from 25th October 2011.

Mrs. Njoroge holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from Kenya Methodist University and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Egerton University. She has also undertaken a Diploma in Purchasing

and Supply (CIPS-UK) and a member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supplies.

She has over fourteen (14) years of experience having worked in various capacities including as a Procurement and Stores Manager - The Tribe Hotel, Purchasing and Stores Manager – Safari Park Hotel and Casino, Procurement and Logistics Officer - World Vision Sudan and as Supplies Officer – Henchem.

Congratulations on your new appointment and welcome to KNH family.

Thirty two patients benefit from Pacemaker project

Kenyatta National Hospital Cardiology surgeons in collaboration with a team of doctors from Germany led by Dr. Carsten Israel conducted pacemaker placement surgeries on 32 patients during a Project conducted from 3rd – 14th January 2011 at KNH.

The pacemakers were donated by St. Jude Medical Inc. to benefit needy

patient with heart blocks who could not afford the cost of pacemakers of between KES.200,000 and KES.300,000.

According to Dr. Bernard Gitura, a Cardiologist who led the KNH team, noted that heart block condition that causes abnormal heart rhythm is not common in Kenya, most patients could not afford treatment. This is the reason

why we have engaged in this partnership to help the needy patients “This year we are operating on patients who cannot afford the procedure. Most of them are in their 60s and 70s,” said Dr. Gitura. He added that private hospitals in Nairobi charge

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KNH Nurses excel

Four KNH Nurses took top honours during the AMREF eLearning Nursing Graduation Ceremony held on 2nd December 2011 at the AMREF International Training Centre.

The four nurses graduated with Diplomas in Nursing from the AMREF Virtual Nursing School (AVNS).

The two year programme was launched in September 2005 by AMREF

in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Nursing Council of Kenya. The training targets enrolled nurses across the country with a goal of enabling enrolled nurses from across the country to upgrade themselves to registered nurses as they continue to provide nursing care at the health facilities in which they work. Later in 2008, Kenyatta National Hospital and AMREF in 2008 signed a Memorandum

of Understanding for the upgrading of 500 Enrolled Nurses into Registered Community Health Nurses.

The Chief Executive Officer, Management and Staff of KNH wish to congratulate the four and other nurses for their exemplary performance.



Mary Wangechi Ndirangu
Best Overall Student
(2008 Class)
Ward 7B



Esther Kerubo Kengwe
Best Student in Theory Exams
(2008 Class)
Ward 6B



James Omondi Odhiambo
Best Student in Practicals
(2009 Class)
Ward 7D



Lilian Awuor Odemba
Best Student in Theory Exams
(2009 Class)
Ward 8A

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between KES.300,000 and KES.500,000 to fit the device while KNH charged only KES.5,000 including a free pacemaker.

Heart block is a disease that causes slowed heart beat. A pacemaker is an electronic device that is used to correct slow heart beat by providing electrical impulses, delivered by electrodes contacting the heart muscles to regulate the beating of the heart. A pacemaker usually lasts between 5-12 years, but the period will depend on usage.

The pacemakers donated were dual chamber which means that they will sense and pace (stimulate) the upper chamber (right atrium) and lower chamber (right ventricle) of the heart in a synchronized way.

The Project equally provided an opportunity for the transfer of expertise in pacemaker placement and the management of heart ailment. This is the 2nd track of the joint project between KNH and Evangelical Hospital Bielefeld University.



Dr. Carsten Israel (R) and a nurse Rosemary Mutua (L) with a beneficiary of the Pacemaker Project

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Unknown Author

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