

DR. CATHERINE NYONGESA

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RADIATION ONCOLOGIST | HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE | RESEARCH LEADER

A passionate advocate for affordable, patient-centered cancer care, Dr. Nyongesa has led transformative projects to strengthen radiotherapy services, patient navigation, and gender equity in health. Through her leadership, Kenya continues to make progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and improved access to quality cancer treatment.



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Work Experience

Dr. Catherine Naliaka Nyongesa is a pioneering Radiation Oncologist and healthcare leader with over 20 years of experience in clinical oncology, hospital administration, and cancer research. She currently serves as the Director of Medical Services at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH)—Kenya’s largest referral hospital—and as the Chief Executive Officer of Texas Cancer Centre Nairobi, a leading private oncology facility providing comprehensive cancer care to patients from across East Africa.

Dr. Nyongesa is also an Honorary Lecturer at the University of Nairobi, where she mentors young oncologists and healthcare professionals. She is a Fellow of the College of Radiation Oncologists of South Africa and the Principal Investigator of the landmark Wiki Moja and ENHANCE clinical trials, which are advancing evidence for hypofractionated radiotherapy in breast and cervical cancers.

Awards & Recognitions

Her work has earned her numerous international recognitions, including awards from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS), EY East Africa Entrepreneur of the Year, and the City Cancer Challenge Leadership Programme for Women in Oncology (2024).

“Cancer care must be accessible, compassionate, and grounded in evidence. Every patient deserves dignity, hope, and healing.”

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