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Kenya Society of Haematology & Oncology



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BUILDING MOMENTUM ACROSS CANCER CARE

Learning, leadership and community shaping oncology in Kenya and the region.

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Opening Note

Across Q2, KESHO's work continued to reflect a society in motion: convening learning spaces, strengthening member visibility, supporting scientific exchange and preparing for KICC 2026.

This issue brings together the conversations that shaped the quarter, from practical CME learning and regional collaboration to member reflections from major international platforms. It also highlights the people and moments that remind us that cancer care is shaped not only in clinics and conferences, but through mentorship, advocacy, lived experience, research and community.

As we move towards the second half of the year, the focus remains clear: to keep translating knowledge into practice, partnerships into capacity and collective engagement into stronger cancer care for Kenya and the region.

KESHO Team



KICC 2026

Registration is Ongoing

Reduced registration rates are available until
30 June at 23:59:59 EAT

Dates

19 - 21 Nov 2026

Venue

Sarova Whitesands, Mombasa

KICC 2026 continues to take shape as KESHO prepares to convene the oncology community in Mombasa for three days of scientific exchange, collaboration and reflection on the future of cancer care in Kenya and the region.

With abstract submissions now closed and preparations underway, the focus now shifts to participation. Members, partners, researchers, clinicians, advocates and stakeholders are encouraged to register early and be part of the 9th Kenya International Cancer Conference.

Reduced registration rates on 30 June.

[Tap here to secure your place at KICC 2026](#)

Regional Learning



East Africa Oncology Summit

(4th edition)

The 4th East Africa Oncology Summit brought together oncology professionals, researchers, policy voices and partners under the theme *Rewriting Oncology's Future Blueprint*.

The discussions focused on how innovation in cancer care can translate into practical access for patients across East Africa, from diagnostics and data systems to precision oncology, workforce development and regional partnerships.



The Summit reinforced a clear message:

progress depends not only on new knowledge, but on the systems that allow that knowledge to reach patients consistently and equitably.

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AML Day: Strengthening the Care Pathway

KESHO marked AML Day with a focused discussion on acute myeloid leukaemia, highlighting the need for timely recognition, appropriate diagnostic work-up, coordinated multidisciplinary care and stronger laboratory support.



The session reinforced that improving AML outcomes depends on speed, access and clear care pathways, from suspicion and diagnosis to treatment planning and supportive care.

Key takeaways:

- Timely recognition and referral remain critical.
- Diagnostic and laboratory capacity shape treatment decisions.
- Multidisciplinary coordination supports better patient movement through care.
- Continued haemato-oncology education remains essential.



Learning Across the Care Spectrum

KESHO CMEs create space for shared learning, peer exchange and practical conversations across cancer care. Each session helps strengthen collaboration, practice and patient care in Kenya and the region.

Bridging Surgery and Oncology in Head & Neck Cancer



Experts highlighted the importance of aligning surgical oncology perspectives to achieve optimal outcomes, from accurate staging and resectability to margins, nodal management, reconstruction and adjuvant therapy.

✦ *Integrated decisions and coordinated follow-through improve survival and quality of life.*

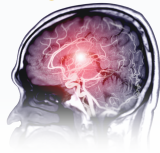
From Data to Discovery: Leveraging Registries and Clinical Insights to Advance Research



The session underscored how high-quality routine documentation and clinical registries generate real-world evidence that informs research, strengthens policy and drives better cancer care in our context.

💡 *Better data today builds the evidence that transforms care tomorrow.*

The Brain Tumor Journey: Advancing Care through Multidisciplinary Collaboration



Speakers walked through the patient journey; from early symptoms and neurosurgical assessment to paediatric oncology, pathology, patient navigation and coordinated follow-up care.

👥 *A coordinated, multidisciplinary approach improves outcomes at every step of the journey.*

Palliative Care in Haemato-Oncology: Quality, Communication and Supportive Care



The session highlighted the importance of integrating palliative care early in haemato-oncology, alongside active treatment.

Speakers discussed symptom control, communication, psychosocial support, shared decision-making and clearer referral pathways as essential parts of quality care.

💖 *Palliative care is everyone's responsibility and it improves quality of life.*

KESHO thanks all speakers, moderators, partners and participants who contributed to the Q2 CME learning.



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What We Bring Back

Global platforms, local questions.



HAEMATOLOGY

Dr Peter Oyiro and Dr Anne Mwirigi

From EHA 2026: Haematology Updates with Local Relevance

Following the EHA 2026 Congress in Stockholm, Dr Anne Mwirigi and Dr Peter Oyiro shared insights across sickle cell disease, erythrocytosis, low-risk MDS, lymphoma, AML and global clinical trials.

The discussions highlighted the need to interpret emerging haematology evidence in relation to the questions seen in our own care settings, from diagnostic capacity and laboratory pathways to treatment access and research participation.

For KESHO, the opportunity is to keep strengthening haematology education, evidence-informed practice and local research that responds to the needs of clinicians and patients in Kenya.

These insights point to the importance of stronger diagnostic pathways, improved access to emerging therapies and continued engagement between clinicians, researchers and health systems. In this way, learning from EHA becomes part of KESHO's wider work to support timely diagnosis, practical treatment decisions and better patient outcomes in Kenya and the region.



ONCOLOGY

Dr Omar Abdihamid

From ASCO and ESTRO 2026: Bringing Global Advances Closer to Home

Recent discussions at ASCO and ESTRO 2026 reinforced that the future of oncology is not defined solely by new drugs or technologies, but by delivering the right treatment to the right patient at the right time.

Across disease sites, recurring themes included precision medicine, treatment de-escalation where appropriate, survivorship care, artificial intelligence and value-based oncology that prioritizes outcomes and quality of life.

For Kenya, many advances remain shaped by cost, limited molecular diagnostics, radiotherapy capacity and restricted access to clinical trials. Yet the meetings also highlighted that meaningful progress is not always about doing more. It is about doing better with available resources through multidisciplinary care, evidence-based radiotherapy, stronger pathology services, workforce development and thoughtful implementation of innovation.

The priority now is implementation: strengthening diagnostics, evidence-based radiotherapy, multidisciplinary care, clinical research and sustainable financing so that global advances translate into meaningful benefit for patients in Kenya and the region.



When the Doctor Becomes the Patient

Dr Georgina Magoma reflects on screening, uncertainty and what patients need after an abnormal result.

In a personal reflection, Dr Georgina Magoma writes about moving from clinical advice to lived experience after seeking evaluation for persistent breast symptoms.

Her story begins with uncertainty, fear and delayed reassurance, but opens into a wider question for cancer care: what happens after an abnormal screening or diagnostic result is found?

“The gap that stands out is what happens when an abnormal result is picked up.”

Her piece reminds us that early diagnosis is not only about encouraging screening. It is also about ensuring that patients can move through the next steps with clarity, affordability, support and dignity.

[Read the full reflection here](#)

KESHO members at Prof. Abinya's Book Launch

KESHO members attended the launch of the third edition of Prof Nicholas Abinya's *Shadow in Perpetuity*. The moment brought together memory, literature, survivorship, family, leadership and the wider cancer care community



Growing The KESHO Community

A warm welcome to the newest members of the KESHO community.



Dr. Joan J. Simam
Head of Research & Data
Informatics
NCI-Kenya



Dr. Timothy Ronoh
Resident- Paediatric & Child
Health
Aga Khan University Medical
College East Africa, Nairobi



Bukosia Eden Humus
Final Year MBChB student
Moi University



Dr. Mukuhi Ng'ang'a
Surgical Oncologist
Aga Khan University
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Kenyatta National
Hospital



Dr. Teresa Lotodo
Lecturer & Pathologist
Moi University, MTRH

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