

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Conference Day 1: Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025					
8:00 – 8:30	Registration of Delegates and Conference Inquiries				
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Welcome Remarks, What to Expect and How to Make the Most of the Conference</b> <b>Dr. Mwebesa Eddie</b> , <i>Director International Programs, Hospice Africa Uganda</i> <b>Dr. Nixon Niyonzima</b> , <i>Head of Research and Training, Uganda Cancer Institute</i>				
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Plenary I Victoria Ballroom: Strengthening Health Systems from the Ground Up: Empowering Communities and Strategic Leadership</b> <i>Session Chairs: Dr. Solomon Kibudde, Radiation Oncologist, Uganda Cancer Institute</i> <b>Ms. Gertrude Nakigudde</b> , <i>Executive Director, Uganda Women's Cancer Support Organization</i>				
9:00 - 9:15	People Centred Health System Planning and Positioning of Universal Health Coverage in Uganda's National Development Plan IV, <b>Dr. Sarah Nahalamba</b> , <i>Manager Family Health &amp; Nutrition, National Planning Authority, Uganda</i>				
9:15 – 9:30	Advancing human rights, promoting mental health, and empowering self-care for all – <b>Janet Kantalama</b> , <i>the Executive Director, Safe Places Uganda</i>				
9:30 – 9:45	Catalyzing Change in Africa's Health Systems Through Community Engagement and Leadership, <b>Dr. Abeid Omar</b> , <i>Head of Oncology, Kenyatta National Teaching Hospital, Kenya</i>				
9:45 – 10:00	Developing the National Cancer Control Strategy for Children and Adolescents – <b>Dr. Joyce Balagadde Kambugu</b> , <i>Head of Pediatrics, Uganda Cancer Institute</i>				
10:00 – 10:15	Anchoring Palliative Care At The AgaKhan University Hospital Nairobi, A practice Changing Approach, <b>Prof. Mansoor Saleh</b> , <i>Professor and Founding Chair, Department of Haematology–Oncology, and Founding Director, Cancer Centre, Aga Khan University, Nairobi</i>				
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>				
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break Tea &amp; Coffee, Poster Viewing, Exhibitions and Networking</b>				
	<b>Workshops</b>				
11:00 – 13:00	<b>Workshop 1: Albert Hall</b>  <b>Access to Essential Medicines for patients</b>	<b>Workshop 2: Meera Hall</b>  <b>Driving Evidence-Based Education and Translational Research</b>	<b>Workshop 3: Sheena Hall</b>  <b>Healthy Aging: Supporting Aging</b>	<b>Workshop 4: Regal Hall</b>  <b>Thriving Beyond Cancer:</b>	<b>Workshop 5: Victoria Ball Room</b>  <b>Survivorship, navigating life beyond</b>

	<p><b>with cancer and palliative care needs.</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Benjamin Mwesige</b>, Head of Research, Uganda Cancer Institute  <b>&amp; Rinty Kintu</b>, Consultant, Global Cancer Treatment</p>	<p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Edith Akankwasa</b>, Principal Mildmay Institute of Health Sciences &amp;  <b>Dr. Irene Atuhaire</b>, Country Director, SEED Global</p>	<p><b>Populations in Health care.</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Menya Patrick</b>, Principal Social Gerontologist, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development &amp;  <b>Emily Kemigisha</b>, Partner led Programming Strategy Manager, HelpAge International</p>	<p><b>Supporting children in survivorship</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Joyce Balagadde Kambugu</b>, Head of Paediatrics, Uganda Cancer Institute &amp;</p>	<p><b>treatment among adults.</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Ms. Gertrude Nakigudde</b>, Executive Director, Uganda Women's Cancer Support Organization &amp;</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break and Poster Viewing</b>				
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Workshops Continued and Cancer &amp; Palliative work exposure</b>				
	<p><b>Workshop 6: Albert Hall</b></p> <p><b>The Diagnostic Chameleons of Cancer and their role in Delayed Detection</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Edward Kakungulu &amp; Dr. Alex Bakenga</b>, Uganda Cancer Institute</p>	<p><b>Workshop 2: Meera Hall</b></p> <p><b>Driving Evidence-Based Education and Translational Research</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Edith Akankwasa</b>, Principal Mildmay Institute of Health Sciences &amp;  <b>Dr. Irene Atuhaire</b>, Country Director, SEED Global</p>	<p><b>Workshop 7: Sheena Hall</b></p> <p><b>Humanitarian Approaches, Environmental Emergencies and Disasters</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Jenniffer Nabukenya</b> Uganda Cancer Institute</p>	<p><b>Workshop 4: Regal Hall</b></p> <p><b>Thriving Beyond Cancer: Supporting children in survivorship</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Dr. Joyce Balagadde Kambugu</b>, Head of Paediatrics, Uganda Cancer Institute &amp;</p>	<p><b>Workshop 5: Victoria Ball Room</b></p> <p><b>Survivorship, navigating life beyond treatment among adults</b></p> <p>Session Chairs: <b>Ms. Gertrude Nakigudde</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Women's Cancer Support Organization &amp;</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Break Tea &amp; Coffee, Poster Viewing, Exhibitions and Networking</b>				
15:30 – 15:40	<b>Poster Viewing, Exhibitions and Networking Session</b>				
15:40 – 17:30	<b>Storytelling Evening and Painting with Jacqueline Asiimwe Mwesige in Victoria Ballroom</b>				

**Moderator: Sophie Matovu**, *Programs Director, Uganda Broadcasting Cooperation*

## Conference Day 2: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration of Delegates, Break Tea &amp; Coffee, Poster Viewing, Exhibitions and Networking</b>	
8:30 – 8:50	<b>Welcome Remarks from the Scientific Chairs</b> <b>Prof. Julia Downing</b> , <i>Executive Director, International Children's Palliative Care Network</i> <b>Dr. Naghib Bogere</b> , <i>Medical Oncologist, Uganda Cancer Institute</i>	
8:50 – 9:00	<b>Presentation – About DEI BIOPHARMA, Dr. Magoola Matthias</b> , <i>Founder and Managing Director, Dei BioPharma Ltd</i>	
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Plenary 2 Victoria Ballroom: Harnessing Innovation and Building Systemic Resilience in an Evolving Global Landscape</b> <b>Session Chairs: Dr. Rose Nakasi</b> , <i>Head of the Artificial Intelligence Lab, School of Computer Science, Makerere University</i> <b>Dr. Eve Namisango</b> , <i>Programmes, Research and Development Manager, Chair – African Palliative Care Research Network, African Palliative Care Association</i>	
9:00 – 9:15	Strategies in combating Non-communicable diseases in the developing world: A case of Uganda Heart Institute, <b>Dr. Mwambu Tom Philip</b> , <i>Senior Consultant Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon, Head Division of Adult Cardiovascular Surgery, Uganda Heart Institute</i> ,	
9:15 – 9:30	The Role of Partnership in Training Specialists in developing countries, <b>Mr. Josh Wood</b> , <i>Executive Director, International Volunteers in Urology Med, United States of America</i>	
9:30 – 9:45	Bone marrow Transplant – Revolutionary Treatment for blood cancers and blood disorders, <b>Prof. Ganesh Jaishetwar</b> , <i>Haemato-Oncologist, Department of Clinical Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplant, Yashoda Hospitals, India</i>	
9:45 – 10:00	Leveraging Digital Innovation and Technology to Advance the Sustainable Development Goals through Universal Health Coverage, <b>Dr. Albert Byamugisha</b> , <i>Senior Technical Adviser and Head of the Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister.</i>	
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>	
	<b>Conference Opening Ceremony in Victoria Ballroom</b>	
10:20 – 10:25	Ugandan Anthem and East African Anthem	Master of Ceremony
10:25 – 10:35	Thanksgiving and Prayer	Sr. Catherine Nakiboneka, Coordinator of the Catholic Health Training Institutions and Trainings, Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB)
10:35 – 10:40	Welcome Remarks by the Executive Director, Palliative Care Association of Uganda	Mark-Donald Mwesiga

10:40 – 10:50	Conference Opening Remarks by the Country Representative World Health Organization		Dr. Kasonde Mwinga		
10:50 – 11:10	Keynote Address: Embracing Uniqueness, Empowering Communities: A People-Centered Approach to Cancer and Palliative Care		Prof. Damalie Nakanjako, Chairperson Board of Directors, Uganda Cancer Institute		
11:10 – 11:40	Legacy Lecture, Prof. Charles Mark Lwanga Olweny – Evolution of Cancer Care and Treatment in Uganda		Prof. Nelson Sewankambo, Physician, Researcher, Medical Educator, Makerere University College of Health Sciences		
11:40 – 11:50	Remarks by the Executive Director, Uganda Cancer Institute		Dr. Jackson Orem		
11:50 – 12:00	Entertainment		Catherine Amuge		
12:00 – 12:25	Graduation Ceremony & Launch of the Uro- Oncology Fellowship		Dr. Nixon Niyonzima		
12:25 – 12:35	Speech from Minister for Health		Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng Ocero, Minister of Health Uganda		
12:35 – 12:45	Official Opening of the Conference		Her Excellency Jessica Alupo, Vice President of the Republic of Uganda Office of the Vice President		
12:45 – 12:50	East African Anthem and Ugandan Anthem		Master of Ceremony		
12:50 – 13:00	Conference Group Photo & Press Briefing		Christine Namulindwa & Joyce Zalwango		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break and Exhibitions				
14:00 – 15:30	Presentation of Oral Papers in Tracks and Side event				
	<b>Side Event: Albert Hall</b>  <b>Driving healthcare impact through Business Leadership</b>  “Invite Only Event”	<b>Track 1: Meera Hall</b>  <b>Advocacy, Policy, and Sustainable Financing</b>  <i>Session Chairs: Dr. Geriga Fadhil, Uganda Cancer Institute &amp; Dr. Kirungi Gloria, Uganda Christian University</i>	<b>Track 2: Sheena Hall</b>  <b>Community-Driven Care Models</b>  <i>Session Chairs: Dr. Noleb Mugisha, Uganda Cancer Institute &amp; Dorothy Adong Olet, Hospice Africa Uganda, Invited Researcher</i>	<b>Track 3: Regal Hall</b>  <b>Empowering Healthcare Professionals and Caregivers</b>  <i>Session Chairs: Dr. Ludoviko Zirimenya, Medical Research Council &amp; Dr. Clara Atieno Ondhiambo, St. Francis Hospital Nsambya</i>	<b>Victoria Hall Closed for Dinner preparations</b>

			<b>University of Coimbra</b>		
14:10		<b>Guest Speaker</b> Leveraging Policy Innovation, Political Leadership, and Sustainable Financing for Resilient Health Systems <b>Prof. Freddie  SSengooba, Director  SPEED Project and the  Center for Health Policy  and Systems  Development, Makerere  University School of  Public Health</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> Scaling Up Community-Driven Models: Lessons Learned, Sustainable Models, and Pathways <b>Rose Kiwanuka,  Patron, Lweza  Community Health  Program</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> Transforming the Health Care Workforce through Building Competency, Compassion, and Systems Thinking <b>Prof. Harriet Mayanja,  Physician, Researcher,  Makerere University  College of Health  Sciences</b>	
14:20		Understanding How Policies, Politics, and National Contexts Influence Access to Opioid Medicines in Uganda <b>Brandon Maser,  University of Toronto,  The Hospital for Sick  Children, Canada</b>	Bridging the Gap: Village Health Team (VHT) and Cancer Survivor Training for Early Breast Cancer Diagnosis in Uganda <b>Alfred Jatho,  Uganda Cancer  Institute</b>	Enhancing the Role of Nursing Competency in Pediatric Early Warning Scores (PEWS) and Timely Interventions at pediatric oncology, Kilimanyaro Christian Medical Center, Cancer Care Center. <b>Irene Ngowi  Kilimanyaro Christian  Medical Center,  Princess Maxima  Center, Utrecht,  Netherlands</b>	
14:27		Incidence and Predictors of Chronic Kidney Disease	Leveraging Regional Champions to	Immediate Outcomes of Inter-Institutional	

		among patients with Prostate cancer at Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital <b>Fredrick Bongomin Okello</b> <b>Mbarara University of Science and Technology,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b>	Strengthen Palliative Care Data Collection and Reporting in Uganda's National Health Management Information System (HMIS) <b>Cynthia Kabagambe,</b> <b>Palliative Care Association of Uganda</b>	Collaboration on Paediatric Central Nervous System Tumour Care in Uganda. <b>Jane Namusisi, Uganda Cancer Institute</b>	
14:34		Factors Influencing the Utilization of Palliative Care Services among Cancer Patients at Mbale Regional Referral Hospital <b>Esther Taaka,</b> <b>Mbale RRH</b>	Addressing Cervical Cancer Disparities through Community Engagement: Lessons and Best Practices from Midwestern Uganda, a Case Study of Kakumiro District. <b>Catherine Amuge,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b>	Parental factors that influence access to palliative care services for children with Cancer <b>Roselight Katusabe,</b> <b>Hospice Africa Uganda</b>	
14:41		Ten-year trend of new cancer diagnoses at the Uganda Cancer Institute: 2015-2024 <b>Judith Asasira,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b>	Bridging the gaps on access to palliative care services in Uganda through building compassionate communities. <b>Zipporah Kyomuhangi,</b>	Knowledge of diagnosis and treatment intent among caregivers of children undergoing cancer care at the Uganda Cancer Institute. <b>Susan Nabakooza,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b>	

			<b>Palliative Care Association of Uganda</b>		
14:48		<p>Empowering Nurses as Agents of Change: The Impact of Specialized Palliative Care Training at Mulago School of Nursing</p> <p><b>Iremba Wilfred, Mulago School of Nursing &amp; Midwifery.</b></p>	<p>Knowledge and Attitude Toward Breast Cancer Prevention and Screening Practice Among Catholic Nuns in Central Uganda</p> <p><b>Nantayi Martha, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Nursing and medical students' experiences of handling difficult conversations with patients: A qualitative focus group study</p> <p><b>Germans Natuhwera, Hospice Africa Uganda</b></p>	
14:55		<p>Together towards the elimination of cervical cancer in the Busoga Region and beyond</p> <p><b>Namuli Emily Nalugwa, Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja</b></p>	<p>Community-Based Nutrition Education for Supportive Cancer Care: Empowering Households through Local Knowledge in Kanungu District, Uganda</p> <p><b>Kamara Daniel, Bwindi Community Hospital</b></p>	<p>Strengthening community participation in palliative care advocacy through empowered child caregivers in Uganda.</p> <p><b>Anita Balikobaku, Palliative Care Association of Uganda</b></p>	
15:02		<p>Innovative Resource Mobilization Strategies for Sustainable Pediatric Oncology Care in Uganda: A Case Study of the Uganda Child Cancer Foundation</p> <p><b>Anecho Ezra</b></p>	<p>Harnessing Community-Driven Fundraising: A Sustainable Approach to Resource Mobilization for Childhood Cancer Support</p>	<p>Prevalence of burnout among healthcare professionals: a survey at Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital</p> <p><b>Ian Batanda</b></p>	

		<b>Uganda Cancer Institute, Uganda Child Cancer Foundation</b>	<b>Jaimin Varsani Uganda Child Cancer Foundation</b>	<b>Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital</b>	
15:09		<p>Advocacy for Accessibility and Strengthening the Availability of Essential Palliative Care Medicines for Children and Adults Experiencing Serious Health-Related Suffering in Uganda</p> <p><b>Lisa Christine Irumba Palliative Care Association of Uganda</b></p>	<p>A community-co-designed intervention for improved bereavement outcomes of family caregivers; a preliminary account of a new model to increase awareness about grief and bereavement in rural communities in South-central Uganda.</p> <p><b>Iddi Matovu Kitovu Mobile</b></p>	<p>Experience of Volunteer Social Workers Supporting Patients and Families in Palliative Care. A case study of Mulago National Referral Hospital</p> <p><b>Jemimah Vicky Palliative Care Education and Research Consortium</b></p>	
15:15		<p>Adherence to chemo radiation schedules among cervical cancer patients before and after in-house chemotherapy implementation at the Radiation Oncology Division of Uganda Cancer Institute</p> <p><b>Okello Quinton Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Treatment abandonment and associated factors among pediatric leukemia patients attending the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI), Uganda</p> <p><b>Derrick Bary Abila Uganda Cancer Institute, Uganda Child Cancer Foundation</b></p>	<p>Effectiveness of Psycho-social care interventions in improving the Quality of Life for Adult Patients with Cancer in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs): A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis</p> <p><b>David Kavuma Mildmay Institute of Health Sciences</b></p>	
15:22		<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	



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15:35		<b>Guest Speaker</b> Driving inclusive health policy and financing to strengthen equitable health systems  <b>Dr. Andrew Ocerro, University Research Co.</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> Bridging clinical expertise with grassroots action and community empowerment for effective gynecologic cancer care in Uganda.  <b>Dr. Martin Origa, Gyne-Oncologist, Uganda Cancer Institute</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> Digital Transformation in Healthcare: Building Capacity through AI and Emerging Technologies  <b>Dr. Phipps Warren, Medical Director, Uganda Cancer Institute Hutchison Centre</b>	
15:42		Uptake and awareness of the Human papillomavirus vaccine in rural Uganda	Lived experiences of parents and primary caretakers of children	Empowering Caregivers of Children with Cancer in a Hostel-Based	

		<p><b>Musana Emmanuel, Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja</b></p>	<p>during pediatric leukemia diagnosis and pathological treatment monitoring at the Uganda Cancer Institute, Uganda</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Nakamya, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Support Setting: Strengthening Skills and Psychosocial Resilience.</p> <p><b>Auleria Kakwara, Kawempe Home Care</b></p>	
15:49		<p>Palliative Care Needs and Factors Influencing the Utilization of Palliative Care for Patients with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease at Kiruddu Hospital</p> <p><b>Sserusiba Hassan, Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa</b></p>	<p>Mental Health Challenges Among Women Fighting Cancer: Gaps, Causes, and Recommendations for Integration in Cancer Care in Uganda</p> <p><b>Frank Kalyango, Victoria University Uganda, Uganda Women's Cancer Support Organisation</b></p>	<p>Piloting the Treat the Pain eLearning module training in Uganda</p> <p><b>Joyce Zalwango, Palliative Care Association of Uganda</b></p>	
15:56		<p>Pharmacist Specialization and its benefits to cancer patient care</p> <p><b>Shauna Georgia Odongo, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Community Palliative: Experience of Lweza Community Health Program (LCHP)</p> <p><b>Basirika Dianah, Lweza Community Health Program, Hospice Africa Uganda</b></p>	<p>The role of pharmacovigilance in research and cancer care at the Uganda Cancer Institute</p> <p><b>Benjamin Mwesige, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	

16:03		<p>Breaking barriers, breaking stigma: advocacy for cancer and palliative patients and caregivers</p> <p><b>Daniel Drileba Dratibi,</b> <b>Voices of Restoration International</b></p>	<p>Outcomes of a program to train village health teams (VHTs) and cancer survivors to improve referral for breast cancer diagnosis in Uganda</p> <p><b>Gertrude Nakigudde,</b> <b>Uganda Women's Cancer Support Organisation</b></p>	<p>Impact of educating health care Professionals on Holistic pain assessment and management.</p> <p><b>Nalubega Josephine,</b> <b>St. Francis Hospital Nsambya</b></p>	
16:10		<p>Transforming Research Funding at Uganda Cancer Institute: Seven-Year Impact of Grants Office and Training Initiatives</p> <p><b>Anecho Ezra,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Utilization of palliative care services by cancer patients and associated factors at Arua regional referral hospital</p> <p><b>John Baptist Nsamba,</b> <b>Muni University Arua</b></p>	<p>Developing Six Specialist Oncology Nursing Curricula to Strengthen Cancer Care Capacity in Uganda through the Uganda Cancer Institute Cancer Academy</p> <p><b>Mariam Ndagire,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	
16:17		<p>Survival and its predictors among cervical cancer patients treated with radiotherapy with or without chemotherapy: a retrospective cohort study</p> <p><b>Germans Natuhwera,</b> <b>Hospice Africa Uganda</b></p>	<p>The Role of Schools in Community Mobilization for Cancer Screening: A Case Study of the 3C Model</p> <p><b>Priscilla Nambalirwa,</b> <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Factors Associated with Utilization of Palliative Care Services Among People Living with HIV/AIDS Aged 18years and Above Attending Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital, Uganda</p> <p><b>Moses Muwanga,</b> <b>Ministry of Health</b></p>	

16:24		<p>Socio-economic inequalities in the coverage of cervical cancer screening among women living with HIV in five Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)</p> <p><b>Godwin Candia,</b>  <b>Uganda Cancer Institute,</b>  <b>Uganda Child Cancer Foundation</b></p>	<p>Bereavement support for patients and family members in palliative care: A case study for Kiruddu National Referral Hospital, Kampala, Uganda</p> <p><b>Cathy Magoola Namuto,</b>  <b>Kiruddu National Referral Hospital</b></p>	<p>Quantifying Cervical Cancer Radiotherapy Care Gap: Baseline Assessment Prior to implementation of the GLOCASSA mobile App</p> <p><b>Apollo Muramuzi,</b>  <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	
16:31		<p>Factors associated with wasting among pediatric cancer patients aged 2-17 years at the Uganda Cancer Institute: a cross-sectional study.</p> <p><b>Wannyana Daisy,</b>  <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>A Community-Centric Innovation for Expanding Access to Early Cervical Cancer Detection in Uganda.</p> <p><b>Maria Regious Nansereko,</b>  <b>Ernest Cook University</b></p>	<p>Antinociceptive Activity of Leucas calostachys Oliv Extracts in Wistar Albino Rats</p> <p><b>Nyandejje Francis,</b>  <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	
16:38		<p>"The Forgotten Pillar of Opioid Access, "Informed Consent"</p> <p><b>Angella Namatovu,</b>  <b>Makerere University,</b>  <b>School of Public Health</b></p>	<p>Uptake of Cervical Cancer Screening and Its Determinants among Refugee Women in Uganda: Insights from the Uganda Refugee Population-based HIV Impact Assessment</p> <p><b>Steven Kikonyogo,</b>  <b>Uganda Child Cancer Foundation,</b>  <b>Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Prevalence and factors associated with non-continuity of palliative care for children with cancer in the Busoga sub-region, Eastern Uganda</p> <p><b>Miriam Ajambo,</b>  <b>Ministry of Health</b></p>	

16:45		<p>Telepathology: revolutionizing diagnostic medicine at the Uganda Cancer Institute</p> <p><b>Ssemakula Hamidu, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Factors associated with treatment outcomes among breast cancer patients attending UCI</p> <p><b>Christine Nalugo, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>A patient co-designed approach to delivering person-centered end-of-life care in rural settings</p> <p><b>John Lule, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	
16:52		<p>Re-allocation of non-administered parenteral chemotherapy: a cost reduction strategy for palliative cancer treatment at Uganda Cancer Institute, Mbarara, Uganda</p> <p><b>John Isiiko, Mbarara RRH, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p>Enhancing adherence to follow-up care for women with abnormal cervical cancer screening results in rural areas: insights from the URTD in midwestern Uganda</p> <p><b>Namagembe Shamim, Uganda Rural Development and Training Programme</b></p>	<p>Improving the Services of Oncology Emergencies at the Uganda Cancer Institute Emergency Department</p> <p><b>Nabbanja Hanifah, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	
17:00		<p><b>Guest Speaker</b> Upholding the Right to Health and Patient Autonomy: The Role of Advance Directives in Cancer and Palliative Care</p> <p><b>David F.K Mpanga, Minister/Special Duties, Buganda Kingdom Government</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Speaker</b> A Patient-Centred Approach to Caring for People with Chronic Lung Diseases</p> <p><b>Dr. Bruce Kirenga, Executive Director, Makerere University Lung Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Speaker</b> World Radiotherapy Awareness Day (WRAD),</p> <p><b>Ssemata Benjamin, Uganda Cancer Institute</b></p>	
17:15		<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Break Tea &amp; Coffee, Poster Viewing, Exhibitions and Networking</b>				

18:00 – 21:00	<b>Conference Gala Dinner – Victoria Ballroom (Theme and Dress code – African Elegance Meets Cultural Heritage)</b>
<b>Conference Day 3: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	
8:00 – 8:30	Registration of Delegates
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Remarks from the Conference Chairs</b> <b>Dr. Mwebesa Eddie</b> , <i>Director International Programs, Hospice Africa Uganda</i> <b>Dr. Nixon Niyonzima</b> , <i>Head of Research and Training, Uganda Cancer Institute</i>
8:40 – 9:00	Presentation from AstraZeneca on Maximizing Outcomes with Faslodex (Fulvestrant)
9:00 – 10:15	<b>Plenary 3 Victoria Ballroom: Redefining Patient-Centered Care in a Multicultural Setting</b> <i>Session Chairs: Dr. Ekiria Kikule, Principal Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa</i> <b>Dr. Victoria Walusansa</b> , <i>Deputy Executive Director, Uganda Cancer Institute</i>
9:00 – 9:15	Listening to the Voices of Minority Populations in health Care, <b>Kwesiga Robert</b> , <i>Secretary General, Uganda Red Cross Society</i>
9:15 – 9:30	Strengthening Integrated Healthcare Training to optimize shared decision making in collaborative care, <b>Sr. Dr. Gorretti Nassali</b> , <i>Senior Consultant Surgeon, St. Francis Naggalama Hospital.</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Supporting the Soul: The Role of Health Professionals in Delivering Spiritual Care in Cancer and Palliative Care, <b>Rev. Prof. Dr. Samuel Abimerech Luboga</b> , <i>Chairperson of the Education Service Commission</i>
9:45 – 10:00	The role of diagnostic imaging in advancing personalised care strategies for multicultural and diverse patient populations, <b>Dr. Rosemary Byanyima</b> , <i>Executive Director, Mulago National Referral Hospital</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
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