MULAGO SPECIALISED WOMEN AND NEONATAL HOSPITAL

A Centre of Excellence in specialised Reproductive and Neonatal Health Care

Mulago Specialised Women and Neonatal Hospital (MSWNH) is the first health facility of its kind in Uganda. Seated on 24,000 square metres opposite the main Mulago Hospital Complex, the hospital was set up to provide highly specialized reproductive and neonatal health services for referred patients and also to reduce referrals abroad. It was constructed to support the strategies of the Government of Uganda for the development of the health sector and contribute to the reduction in maternal and neonatal mortalities through improvement of healthcare services delivery. The Hospital provides quality reproductive and neonatal health care to mainly referred patients and participates in training and research.

A reproductive and neonatal condition is one of the leading causes of deaths in Uganda. Some statistics show that 27 out of every 1,000 babies die within their first month in Uganda while maternal mortalities remain high at 336/100,000 compared to the global rate of 216/100,000 live births. Many of these fatalities have been associated with conditions within the healthcare system such as congestion in health facilities, appalling sanitation, and absence of equipment to resuscitate babies that need critical support to breathe as well as ability to administer appropriate care to complicated reproductive health problems.

At Mulago Specialised Women and Neonatal Hospital, we offer tailor made services to help reverse these statistics. Our services include: Maternal Fetal Medicine, Uro-gynaecology, Gynaecological oncology, Reproductive health, Benign gynaecology, Neonatology (surgical and medical), Anesthesia and critical care (neonatal and adult), Diagnostics (radiology, laboratory and pathology) medical support services (Pharmacy and Physiotherapy).

These services are offered at a subsidised fee, based on the principle of cost recovery in order to maintain the specialised services. They are at three levels of care i.e. Silver, Gold and Platinum. The hospital has 450 beds, a 41-bed capacity intensive care unit (ICU) with two levels of care, a 60-bed Neonatal Unit with 20 Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) beds and 40 neonatal intensive care (NICU) beds at three levels of care. For long, In-vitro Fertilization (IVF) has been available in a few private hospitals in Uganda at a very high price. Otherwise, women who needed and could afford this service had to travel abroad. This is currently available in this hospital at a friendly cost.

The hospital has quality modern medical equipment that includes, among others, critical care equipment in theatres, the adult and also neonatal intensive care units, delivery suites, in-vitro fertilization (IVF) equipment, diagnostic equipment including laboratory and radiological equipment, ultrasound scan, X-ray, mammogram, and medical gases plant.

With our dedicated team of Thirty Five Doctors -sixteen of whom are consultants, Two hundred and sixty nurse-midwives (260), Thirty three (33) Medical support staff and Forty six support staff, the number of patients seen has steadily increased as has their appreciation of the services received and the ambience within which they are cared for.

According to the annual report of FY 2019/20 as compared to FY 2018/2019, referrals-in increased to 467.2% deliveries to 305.1%, immunization 305.8%, in-patient admissions 255.3% and diagnoses to 236.8%.

**Our Vision** “To be a Centre of Excellence in Specialized Reproductive and Neonatal Health Care in Africa”

**Our Mission** “We Commit to Provide and Promote Access to Quality Specialized Reproductive and Neonatal Health Care with Cutting Edge Research and Advanced Training”

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