Doctors to offer free specialised services at medical camp

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KAMPALA. Specialists across the country will next week converge at Kiruddu Hospital in Makindye Division to offer free screening and consultation for non-communicable diseases.

The three-day medical camp, which will take place from September 4 to 6, is one of the activities that have been organised by the Uganda Medical Association (UMA) ahead of their second Grande Medical Doctors Conference and biggest medical tourism exhibition in Uganda.

Dr Fred Bisso, the UMA president, said the major theme will focus on promoting healthy lives in the country, especially in relation to non-communicable diseases.

"On Tuesday [next week], we have a major activity for the public where we invite them for screening to identify some of these non-communicable diseases such as heart conditions, screening for cancer, viral infections which could expose people to cancer and many diseases," Dr Bisso said.

> "We shall have specialists' doctors from India who will offer technical support during the camp. Ugandans who have been suffering from all kinds of conditions which have not been treated can access these and treatment can be planned,"
> DR EKWARO OBUKU, SECRETARY GENERAL OF UMA

The major target, Dr Bisso, said is those diseases that start quietly, especially the non-communicable ones, measure blood pressure, HIV/Aids testing and cancer screening services, among others, offer advice and also generate information to the general public.

A total of 500 medical doctors are expected to attend the conference that will, among other things, involve several discussions between the doctors and government on how to improve health financing and the challenges that affect health workers in the country.

Top hospitals and doctors from India, a preferred destination for Ugandans with complicated medical conditions, are also expected to exhibit different equipment used in specialised treatment as well as demonstrating different medical services alongside the conference.

Dr Ekwaro Obuku, the secretary general of UMA, said they have also collaborated with the Indian Medical Destination Group to bring more than 40 hospitals with high end technology which is not available in Uganda so as to explore the opportunities available in building local capacity in providing specialised treatment.

The three-day conference, which starts on September 7, is expected to be opened by the Speaker of Parliament, Ms Rebecca Kadaga, and closed by President Museveni at a dinner on September 9.

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