



Surgery. Neurosurgeons conduct an operation at Mulago hospital on Wednesday. PHOTO BY STEPHEN WANDERA

More brain tumour patients flock Mulago for surgery

Back to India. The visiting neurosurgical team from Yashoda Hospital in Hyderabad, India, has returned and also taken back some of the hi-tech tools, which were brought and used for the surgical procedures.

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KAMPALA. A day after Mulago hospital conducted 10 successful brain and spinal surgeries, 11 more patients with tumours yesterday stormed the facility's neurosurgery department also seeking surgical operations.

In an interview with *Daily Monitor*, Dr Michael Edgar Muhumuza, a senior consultant neurosurgeon, who led the Ugandan team of doctors, said the backlog of patients with brain tumours can only be handled during future surgical camps. But he did not name a date, citing limitations of space and hi-tech equipment at Mulago hospital.

Dr Muhumuza said the ongoing renovation of lower Mulago hospital complex where modern theatres are to be installed has remained a limiting factor to their surgical capabilities.

Dr Anandh Balasubramaniam, the senior consultant

neurosurgeon and head of neurosurgery at Yashoda Hospital, and Dr Nitin Manohar, the chief anaesthetist at the same hospital, were the two visiting specialists who assisted Ugandan doctors to conduct successful brain surgeries.

Dr Muhumuza said the current theatre capacity is not convenient for some of the cases, indicating that only 11 scans of the 33 patients sent to the Indian specialists were fit to be handled at Mulago during the three-day surgical camp that ended on Wednesday.

BRAIN TUMOUR

Definition. A brain tumour is a growth of cells in the brain that multiplies in an abnormal and uncontrollable way.

By yesterday, when *Daily Monitor* visited Mulago to follow up on the 10 patients operated on, Mr Yosia Mubiru who underwent surgery on Tuesday, was being discharged. Nine other patients were recovering well, with only Mr Francis Kazibwe whose operation had lasted longer, remaining in the Intensive Care Unit.



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