

Rubaga Hospital's specialist centre

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Uganda Martyrs Hospital, Rubaga has developed another building facility to further improve the delivery of medical services.

Located besides the hospital, the building was formerly a convent of the White Sisters, who founded the hospital in the 1960s. This simple but solid structure has now been given a facelift and turned into the specialist centre at the hospital.

Dr Andrew Ssekitooleko, the Hospital's executive director, said: "We realised that many of our patients need specialised treatment and care. Patients will have direct access to the specialists. In this case, we considered it right, just and convenient for such patients to first be examined by the respective specialist before being referred to the ward for treatment.

"The practice of examining special cases in common wards is no longer tenable. So, the establishment of a centre where medical specialists can be found, became inevitable. Our patients now have the privilege of having direct access to the different specialists within this centre.

"The idea was conceived when we visited Nairobi



Dr. Andrew Ssekitooleko

Martyrs Hospital. They also advised us to take this direction as a way of improving the health services.

The centre is currently open from 8:00am to 8:00pm. The facility will help us to keep specialists on the ground. We shall also take advantage of the presence of these specialists to improve the delivery of our medical services," Ssekitooleko said.

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The specialist centre was blessed by the Archbishop of Kampala, Dr Cyprian Kizito Lwanga prior to its official commissioning by the Katikkiro of Buganda, Charles Peter Mayiga on April 20.



Officials hope the newly refurbished specialist centre will improve services