

Mulago releases 10 brain surgery patients

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KAMPALA. Patients who underwent brain and spinal surgeries at Mulago hospital have been discharged.

One patient, however, remains in admission await cancer tests.

Mr Michael Edgar Muhumuza, a senior consultant neurosurgeon, told *Saturday Monitor* on Thursday that 10 of the patients operated on during the neurosurgical camp last week had been discharged.

Mr Muhumuza, who led a team of Ugandan surgeons to conduct the successful brain surgeries with assistance from two India-based specialists, also revealed that one patient whose tumour suggested being cancerous had remained in admission.

"We are waiting for biopsy results as the patient remains at the high dependency ward," he said.

Mr Yosia Mubiru, a resident of Entebbe, in Wakiso District was first to be discharged last week, only two days after a tumour was removed from his brain.

Mr Muhumuza also indicated that the only patient who had been booked for a future medical camp was later worked on, bringing the number of operations to 11 as earlier planned.

Early identification of brain tumours, according to Mr Muhumuza, creates high chances of cure through surgery.

Brain tumour patients present with symptoms such as loss of sight, behavioural changes, loss of body balance and speech.

Yesterday, Mr Muhumuza repeated his call to boda boda users to always wear helmets in order to minimise head damages in an event that they suffer road accidents.

His appeal comes at a time when the neurosurgeon department is grappling with a backlog of surgery cases arising from injuries in road accidents.

At least 10 to 15 accident victims are received by the department daily.



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