

CURE Uganda Announces New Strategic Partnership to Support Neurosurgical Training in Africa

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Dr. Emmanuel Wegoye (left), Medical Director and Tim Erickson (center), Executive Director of CURE Uganda signed a memorandum with College for Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) to offer training for COSECSA neurosurgery residents. The hospital was recently accredited by COSECSA following our sister hospital CURE Ethiopia who is accredited for orthopedic surgical training.

[CURE Children's Hospital of Uganda](#) performs more hydrocephalus and spina bifida surgeries than any other hospital in the world. Expanding the regional availability of this desperately needed neurosurgical care for children has been a primary mission of the hospital for years, primarily through the CURE Neuro program.

The next chapter of the hospital's strategic goal to expand access to pediatric neurosurgery in the region has begun: CURE Uganda entered into an agreement with the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa ([COSECSA](#)) to provide a training rotation in pediatric neurosurgery as part of the COSECSA training program. COSECSA is an internationally-recognized organization that fosters postgraduate education in surgery and provides surgical training throughout the East, Central, and Southern Africa region.

"We are excited to partner with CURE Hospital in training COSECSA residents. As a specialized pediatric neurosurgery hospital, CURE is uniquely positioned to add value in training residents in this pediatric neurosurgery rotation. We are looking forward to many neurosurgery residents having a rotation at CURE as we advance these efforts together!" Dr. Joel Kiryabwire - COSECSA Uganda Country Representative

"The men and women of CURE Uganda are known around the world not only for their expertise, but their commitment to share their knowledge with others," said [Justin Narducci](#), President and CEO of CURE International. "This new partnership allows CURE Uganda to provide expanded training opportunities to future neurosurgeons who will quite literally save the lives of children."

The CURE Uganda - COSECSA Memorandum of Understanding, which has been several years in the making, will allow the next generation of neurosurgeons from sub-Saharan Africa to learn from CURE Uganda's skilled team while also learning in an environment that shares the hope of Jesus Christ with patients and families.

"One hospital, regardless of how capable, could never be enough to meet the overwhelming need

for neurosurgery in this country and the region at large. By equipping others with the knowledge and skills to safely perform neurosurgery, CURE Uganda is multiplying its efforts and providing more children with access to specialized neurosurgical care,” said [Tim Erickson](#), Executive Director of CURE Uganda.

CURE Uganda started the [CURE Neuro](#) program in 2011 to expand the global availability of neurosurgical care for children through training and residency opportunities. The hospital’s expert faculty, surgical, and clinical teams attract experts from around the world to CURE Uganda to learn the latest techniques. This additional partnership with COSECSA will allow even more African doctors and surgeons to come and learn how to more effectively treat neurological conditions.



CURE Uganda’s first COSECSA resident, Dr. Simon Mukuye (right) did his rotation from September - December 2021.

“By training African doctors and surgeons, we will be able to chart a better trajectory for neurological healthcare in Uganda. I am honored to be a part of this impactful partnership and look forward to welcoming new, local trainees to our team,” said [Dr. John Mugamba](#), Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon & Head of Training, CURE Uganda.

“Our partnership with COSECSA will allow Ugandan neurosurgery residents from Mulago National Referral Hospital and Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital to have greater exposure to highly specialized pediatric neurosurgical training not offered anywhere else in the country. This news means that more of the thousands of children born each year with hydrocephalus and other conditions requiring neurosurgery will get the treatment they so desperately require,” said [Dr. Emmanuel Wegoye](#), Neurosurgeon, Medical Director of CURE Uganda.

About CURE Children’s Hospital of Uganda

Established in Mbale in 2001, [CURE Uganda](#) is one of Africa’s leading pediatric hospitals for brain surgery and the treatment of neurological conditions. It provides advanced, minimally-invasive neurosurgical treatments and attracts surgeons from around the world to its prestigious [CURE Neuro](#) Fellowship Program. The teaching hospital consists of three operating rooms, a 10-bed intensive care unit, and a 30-bed children’s ward. Hospital staff completes approximately 1,700 procedures annually for children with conditions including hydrocephalus, spina bifida, brain tumors, and other neural tube defects. In addition to world-class clinical service, CURE Uganda ministers to the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their communities.