

Review of: "Implementation of the Adult Oncology Unit at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH)"

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The authors outline a detailed description of the currently established Oncology Unit at MNH. However, they do not provide any data to support the efficiency or productivity of the unit, nor do they provide references for a number of the cited data.

It is surprising that a national referral center would be inaugurated with a chemo unit of only 4 treatment stations. The team subsequently reverts to having a more elaborate conversation with the institutional leadership and succeeds in getting a whole ward. Unclear why this was not part of the planning process.

In general, a remarkable feat, yet it is unclear that 2 comprehensive oncology centers would suffice to provide cancer care to the entire national population. Clearly, there must be other centers in Tz where cancer patients can receive treatment.

Research is mentioned in passing, yet no details about proposed plans, training of research staff, space for the research unit, etc., are provided.

Overall, while a laudable effort for the care of cancer patients in TZ, the manuscript needs depth, details, and data in order to serve as a meaningful peer contribution to the literature