

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

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This is an interesting article on a very relevant topic, such as the creation of an oncology unit in a low-income country. In it, the authors describe some key phases of the development of this unit, placing special emphasis on nursing care (which is often the limiting factor in these contexts).

Some clarifications could be made to improve the clearer idea of some concepts. For example, the term "quality of care" is used frequently, but as we know, it is quite complex to characterize and very difficult to operationalize because it includes several dimensions. What specifically are they referring to when they say that this unit allowed the quality of care to improve?

Furthermore, one of the main difficulties that these types of initiatives (high cost and affecting a limited population) must face is obtaining social and political support. Eventually, the local population may be sensitized, as is the case in many Western countries, but we do not have much information about it. It would be interesting to have a brief description of the most important stakeholders, as well as their positioning regarding this initiative, and the way in which these actors were approached. This information could help others who want to replicate the idea and implement a unit with similar characteristics.

It seems to me that this article can help extend (and even improve) the care that cancer patients receive in developing countries.