

Makerere University Students To Create Cancer Awareness

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The students' community at Makerere University has resolved to reverse the increasing cases of cancer among Ugandans by creating awareness about the disease.

Through their umbrella body the Makerere University Medical students Association, the students will this month start cancer sensitization campaigns in Kireka where residents will also access free breast cancer screening services.

The President Makerere University Medical Students Association, Peter Kitonsa says the cancer awareness campaign will use female medical students to empower 600 young women on self examination.

Estimates indicate that 5% of women in Uganda get access to screening for cervical cancer yet the disease is reported to be a leading cause of gynecological deaths at Mulago Hospital.

Kitonsa says that this campaign seeks to bridge the gap on the early screening for both breast and cervical cancer since the services of the cancer specialists are limited.

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