

## REPORT ON ISRRT CONGRESS IN TRINIDAD 12-15 APRIL 2018

It was a privilege and pleasure to attend ISRRT World Congress with the support of WRETF. I must thank the trustees for giving me sponsorship to participate and present.

The following were my objectives on why I attended the world congress:

- 1) To present my research paper that got published in the British journal.
- 2) To share and discuss cancer issues and gaps with other delegates
- 3) To network and obtain /gain knowledge from other participants, acquire skills on advances in technology and share challenges
- 4) With experience, a bar on quality, standards and technical issues shall be shared to the Kenyan society and the entire east Africa societies, probably to think of hosting WRETF workshops in future.
- 5) The knowledge acquired will be shared through workshops, conferences and normal departmental CPDs.

The pre -conference workshop on Bonn call for action on Radiation safety gave me a great start. The new Isrrt president took the delegates through the 10 pillars.

The following are the highlights of what I learnt: Patient safety/care is the bedrock of quality care which was summed up by Picker's eight principles. These are; respect for patients' preferences, co-ordination and integration of care, information and education, physical comfort, emotional support, involvement of family and friends, continuity and transition and access to care. These principles augur well with the nature of work Iam involved in.

usually Radiotherapy treatments take at least six weeks and patients expectations are usually very high and so they need assurance, information and education as listed above.

Principles of human performance which is key in our daily routine explains that; error is universal and no one is immune regardless of age, experience, or educational level. Some of the top errors include stress (work or home), time pressure to finish, multitasking, overconfidence and distractions.

Another lesson learnt was the incident reporting systems and the one I have picked up to suggest to my department is the SAFRON (Safety in Radiation Oncology) An integrated voluntary reporting and learning system of radiotherapy incidents and near misses.

Employee engagement and why it matters in Radiography workshop done by Cynthia Cowling and Susan Ward (on SKYPE) gave us a practical scenario of the current situation in the radiography world. According to their studies; Employee engagement is linked to productivity, performance, quality, retention, attention, loyalty and customer engagement.

Delegates did case study simulations in groups that were very interesting. The groups were to read, discuss and report back 'lessons learned' from comparative ethnographic study of sociological practice of radiography and the paradoxes and the definition and benefits of employee engagement and opportunities to foster engagement amongst radiographers. I hope to share this with my department.

Among them, Education, Research, incidence reporting tools and safety requirements were key to me because in my department, a lot more need to be done, some of the gaps that currently exists are: Quality control checks tools, Incidence reporting tools, Documented standard operating procedures for all treatments, Radiotherapy Patient safety information guide, Patient preparation before, during and after treatment guides, Professionalism and ethics for radiographers.

I intend to use the ideas to assist my department to progress, this will be through Continuous professional development activities in the department, weekly tutorials for radiographers and introduction of reflective practice. More focus will be put on evidence based practice, this will be complimented with case studies.

I made contact with Sandra Hayden a member of ASRT who presented on Radiation safety in radiation therapy which I found very interesting. I shared a lot with her and she promised to assist my department in developing a culture of safety among other things. As I conclude writing this report, she has already send me all the above information that I had requested her. I will share with my line manager to see how best we can improve the department.

I hope to work on the above activities in the department out of this experience with the help of my manager.



**Meeting WRETF trustee Christopher Steelman at the 20<sup>th</sup> ISRRT Congress in Hyatt Regency-Trinidad 12 April 2018**



**Evelyn Wasike and WRETF trustee Christopher Steelman at the 20<sup>TH</sup> ISRRT CONGRESS Trinidad and Tobago 12 April 2018**





Meeting Chairman WRETf Cynthia Cowling at the 20<sup>th</sup> ISRRt Congress in Trinidad and Tobago  
13 April 2018





Chairman WRETF Cynthia Cowling with Evelyn WASIKE having a chat at the 20<sup>th</sup> ISRRT world congress Trinidad and Tobago 14 April 2018



With the new ISRRT president Donna Newman at Hyatt Regency Trinidad and Tobago ISRRT congress 15 April 2018





Social event in Trinidad and Tobago ISRRT world congress with Christopher and other delegates



Making my presentation at the ISRRIT congress in Trinidad and Tobago

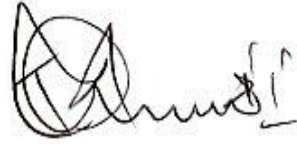
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