HEALTH CARE IN KENYA

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introduction

- East African country.
- Population -45 million.
- Health care both national and county governments function.
- National government-policy and management of 4 national referral hospitals.
- County governments (47) -general health care provision.
• Approximately 4000 physiotherapists.
• Different levels of education.
• 50:50 pre Bsc (diploma), Bsc and above.
• 50% registered with Kenya society of physiotherapists (KSP).
• Physiotherapy council of Kenya not started registration.
Regulatory bodies in Kenya

- Kenya medical practitioners and dentist board.
- Pharmacy and poisons board.
- Nursing council.
- Medical laboratory board.
- Nutrition and dietetics board.
- Public health council.
• Physiotherapy council.
• Radiation board.
• Psychologist and counselors council.
Journey to a regulatory body

- More than 20yrs clamor by Kenyan physiotherapists.
- Change of government –improved goodwill.
- Current KSP office put much efforts to see get it established.
- Special recognition –Dr Daniel Nyamongo (president KSP).
Reasons for a regulatory body

- No accreditation of our medical training institution.
- No rule requiring continuous professional development.
- Mushrooming of several private clinics without licensure.
• Too many physiotherapist without practicing licenses.
• Influx of foreign trained physiotherapist esp.’ in area of sports.
• No mechanism to discipline errant members.
Challenges in search of a regulatory body

- Limited government support.
- Frequent turnover of personnel in the health ministry.
- Too much bureaucracy in the national government, legislature.
- Very expensive undertaking.
Emerging issues

- Place of chiropractors, masseurs, acupuncturists, fitness therapists, reflexologists.
- Overlapping roles of regulatory bodies esp. in medical supplies and equipments.
- Designation regarding the different education levels.
- Regulation of physiotherapy equipments/technologies.