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**RE: KNH LAUNCH FIRST EVER COMPREHENSIVE AND LOCALLY DEVELOPED FORMULARY**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013 will see Kenyatta National Hospital mark the launch of the first comprehensive, locally developed formulary for a public sector health institution in Kenya. A hospital formulary is a document or manual listing all medicines approved for use in a specific healthcare institution. It indicates the uses of each listed medicine, dosing information, guidelines for administration and reporting of side effects.

Traditionally, African countries have relied on borrowed formularies from other countries e.g. the British National Formulary (BNF) which at times have not addressed information requirements of local institutions.

Kenyatta National Hospital is the largest Teaching and Referral Hospital and attends to over 700,000 patients annually, with over 2,500 inpatients at any given time. The launch of the Formulary will help in improving patient care as it provides current, evidence-based and impartial medicine information

This is to invite for the official launch of the Formulary

**Guest of Honor: Principal Secretary - Ministry of Health - Prof. Fred Segor**  
**WHEN : Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013 : Time : 9.00am**  
**WHERE : Kenyatta National Hospital Administration Block parking area**

This formulary was developed under the stewardship of the hospitals' Medicines and Therapeutics Committee (MTC) with Health Commodities and Services Management (HCSM) Program providing technical support with funding from USAID/Kenya for the process

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