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ABOUT MALAWI

- ▣ Population 15,263,417
- ▣ Less than 20 surgeons
- ▣ Many expatriates
- ▣ Few Malawians
- ▣ 3 Malawian COSECOSA trained surgeons
 - 2 working in Malawi
 - 1 in S Africa

Great need for surgeons in Malawi

TRAINING IN MALAWI

- ▣ Two training institutions/teaching hosp
 - Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (COM) (4 residents)
 - Kamuzu Central Hospital (8 residents)
- ▣ Programs
 - MMED (college based training)
 - COSECESA

COSECSA

- ▣ College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa
- ▣ Independent body that fosters postgraduate education in surgery & harmonise surgical training in that region
- ▣ 9 countries
- ▣ Surgeons from different disciplines and more collaborators

TRAINING AT KCH

- ▣ Started in 2009
- ▣ COSECSA program only, currently accredited for the 1st 2 years
- ▣ Collaborators committed to support program for 8 years
 - Hawkland university
 - UNC - research
 - Ministry of health
 - ▣ Responsibility of each well defined

Personal experience

- ▣ Started my training in 2009
- ▣ Travelled for some courses
- ▣ Learn from different specialized individuals – exposure to new techniques

WHY COSECSA

- ▣ Relevant syllabus
- ▣ Transnational body hence awards internationally recognised qualification
- ▣ 7 specialties available
 - Paediatric surgery
 - General surgery
 - Orthopaedics
 - Urology
 - Plastic surgery
 - Neuro surgery
 - ENT

- ▣ Standardised curriculum for all COSECESA programs
- ▣ College without walls, hence more surgeons can be trained i.e improving quality and quantity of surgical services
- ▣ Has input & support from various collaborators e.g e-learning, ptolemy project

- ▣ Organises conferences etc which brings together members and fellows
- ▣ Affordable training

THANK

- ▣ RCSI
- ▣ Surgical staff KCH and QECH
- ▣ Collaborators