

## Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance

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### **History of the Thematic Unit**

The development of a postgraduate training curriculum in Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance began in 2005 in response to a need for specialists in this area. Development of the curriculum was supported by [Management Sciences for Health](#) [10]. The Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacognosy received senate approval in December, 2011 to offer the program. The first lot of 11 students was received in September, 2012.

### **Staff**

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Training is supported by members of:

- Thematic Unit of Clinical Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy
- School of Public Health
- Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, School of Pharmacy
- Department of Medical Physiology, School of Pharmacy

In addition 4 honorary lecturers with specialization in their fields of practice have been engaged to provide support.

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### **Future plans**

The unit hopes to work with the Pharmacovigilance Unit of the Board and other stakeholders to strengthen drug regulation in Kenya. It also hopes to work together with the Department of Quality Assurance of the Ministry of Health in treatment guideline development and monitoring quality of

care.

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## **News and Events**

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## **Alumni**

The thematic unit shall graduate its first class of M.Pharm (EpiVigil) students in 2014.

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