

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF MALAWI

Guidelines for Medical Camps

1. Definition “Camps means temporarily organized activity within a specified locality for the purposes of providing free, subsidized or sponsored medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis and /or treatment
2. The purpose of the guidelines will be to outline the application process, vetting of the application, conduct of the camp and provision of the post-camp report and follow up.
3. Medical Council of Malawi will continue vetting and guiding the conduct of the camps to ensure safety of the patients and other participants of the camp, to ensure camps are of benefit to the recipients and society at large and to ensure adequate follow up of the patients and linkages after health care.

Application Processes

1. Applications to hold camps shall be done in advance
2. All doctors shall be vetted by Medical Council of Malawi
3. Medical Camps shall comprise of 5 or more Medical Practitioners or Dentists
4. The Camp shall include local practitioners at least a Specialist Doctor
5. Camp practitioners shall comply with the requirements for registration
6. Adverts for the Camps shall be for the common good, not for the aim of recruiting patients for further treatment
7. Applications to Council shall include the description of all the services to be provided, duration of the camp, a plan for post camp follow up of the patients especially those who have undergone surgical operations and those put on medication.
8. A plan for management of early and late complications including a plan for referral
9. All diagnostic samples carried out the country, the Research Committee procedures shall be followed

10. There must be evidence of skills transfer to the local staff working with Team
11. Approval letter shall be provided to the Team by Medical Council of Malawi
12. A detailed report should be submitted to the Council and the Ministry of Health within two weeks with details of achievements, number of persons served, any challenges encountered and a follow up plan