

Ugandan observers at the ST1 boot camp

In August the SBNS had the pleasure of welcoming two consultants from Kampala in Uganda to the ST1 boot camp as observers and two other Ugandan Neurosurgeons have also been invited to the ST3 boot camp in October. These visits are being funded by the SBNS Global Neurosurgery Initiative and are designed to support Ugandan colleagues establishing a boot camp in East Africa for local trainees.

Oscar Obiga and Lydia Nanjula are both practicing Neurosurgeons in Kampala. They were able to attend all four days of the boot camp as well as the group evening meals. A presentation on working in Kampala was given and there was ample opportunity for interaction with UK consultants and trainees.

Over the last three years the Global Neurosurgery Initiative has funded UK trainees visiting Venezuela, Jamaica and Nepal. Clinical observerships or conference attendance has been funded for resident neurosurgeons from Egypt, Jordan, Brazil, Gaza, Nepal, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Afghanistan and Indonesia. Other projects have included provision of examiners to the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and support with EANS for a skull base course in Kenya.

The fund is restricted to projects that focus on low middle income countries, further details can be found under the global tab on the SBNS website.