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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

Kigali, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**UR Medical Students Supportive Supervision Report- Palliative Care Rotation  
at Butaro**





## **Objectives:**

### **1. Reflective Sessions**

Conduct reflective sessions in the afternoon to help students process their experiences, manage emotions related to palliative care, and develop self-awareness and coping strategies.

### **2. Supportive supervision:**

Assess gaps in students' knowledge about palliative care and support them by delivering presentations on relevant topics to ensure a smooth learning process. The goal is to equip University of Rwanda medical students with the maximum skills and knowledge possible.

On **February 5, 2025**, I, **Dr. Claudine**, together with **Dr. Mieke Visser**, visited **Butaro Level Two Teaching Hospital** for supportive supervision. Our objective was to assist medical students from the **University of Rwanda** during their **clerkship rotation in palliative care**. We were pleased to find that **Dr. Olive**, a newly appointed palliative care physician at Butaro Hospital, was also actively supporting the students.

The students appreciated the visit from faculty members of the **University of Rwanda's Department of Primary Healthcare** and recommended that similar **supportive supervision sessions** be extended to other groups of medical students rotating in palliative and community medicine. They also expressed gratitude for the **warm welcome** they received at **Butaro Hospital and PIH Butaro**, highlighting how the environment is **conducive to learning**.

Additionally, we conducted two **discussion-based presentations** on:

- 1. Medical ethics in palliative care**
- 2. Symptom assessment and management in palliative care**



## Challenges

1. Some of the students' expectations have not yet been met, but they remain hopeful as this was only the **first week of their palliative care rotation**.
2. Students observed that while **physical pain management** was being properly addressed, other aspects of **palliative care** needed further attention.
3. The **rotation period for palliative care** is too short, limiting students' ability to gain comprehensive experience.

### Transport facilitation fees

Transport fees for 2 days = 80 euros= 80x1446.6 Rwf=115728 Rwf

Done at Kigali February 9, 2025

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