# Emergency Medicine : A new Specialty in Rwanda

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### Outline

- Introduction
- Evolution of Emergency Medicine
- Challenges
- Future of EM in Rwanda





#### Disclosure

No competing interests



#### Rwanda

- Population 11.2 M
- 20% urban population
- 43.3% < 15yrs
- 1994 Genocide





#### Rwanda

- Fast growth
- Transition rural → urban

- Epidemiology & industrialization.
  - -More Non communicable diseases and Trauma

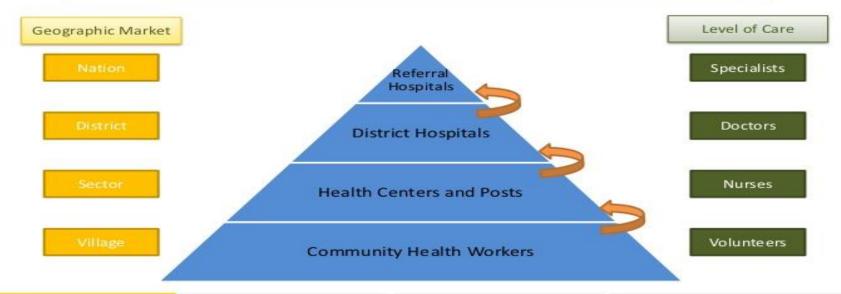




# Health care system

#### Healthcare in Rwanda

Healthcare in Rwanda is provided through a tiered system in which the level of care increases as needed to serve the population.



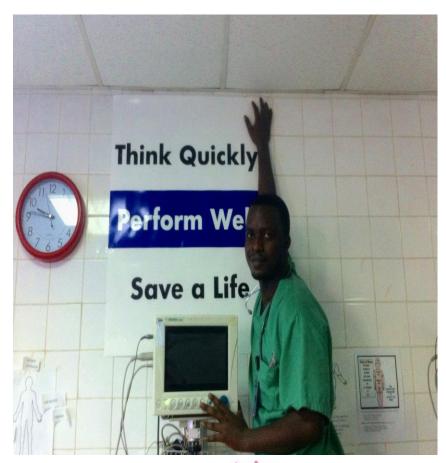
Background

District Committee of April 1981



# **Emergency Care in Rwanda**

- HC staffed by nurses.
- ED staffing by Gps in District Hospitals.
- Limited resources.
- Residency based only in CHUK largest referral hospital.





#### Human Resource for Health

- Support of Residency by US-HRH/(EM -Brown/ Columbia/ SidHARTe)
- Strengthen specialized health care workforce

 16 Universities provide 100 Faculty members over 7 yrs.

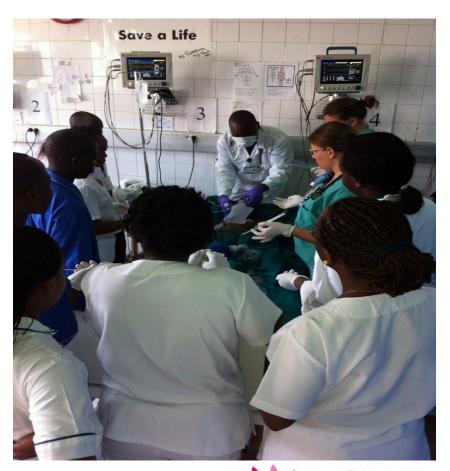




## Development of EM

- Improve Emergency Care delivery
- 2 Tiered
   PGD 2013-2015-DH
   MMED ongoing 14
   students

Recognition of EM specialty





#### **ED** Practice

- Pts triaged on arrival.
- ED based management
- Consult other depts. for non-EM interventions and admission.
- Research and Evidence based practice.



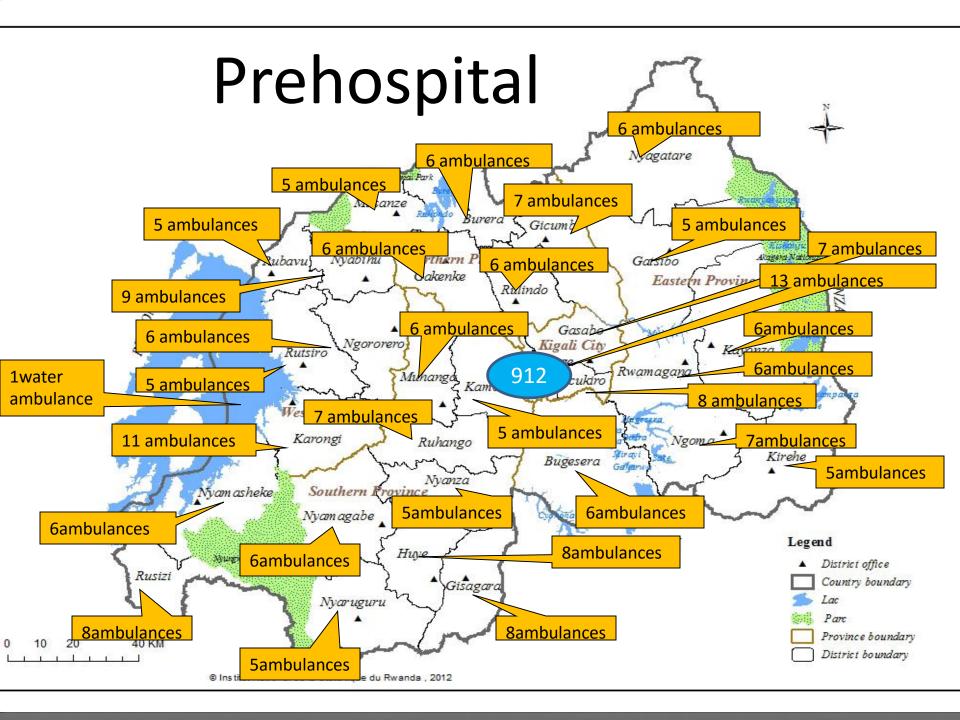


### Trauma Epidemiology Research

- Male 733 (77.7%)
- Age: 30.5 years
- Most common cause of traumatic injury: RTA 718 (76%)
  - 308 (61.4%) RTA involve motorcycles .
  - 155 (30.9%) RTA involve pedestrians .







# Strengths

- Population satisfaction.
- M&E through Research
   & QI projects
- Collaboration with training other specialties and hospitals
- Shaping of health system.





# POCUS as a strength

Available US machine

- Time to imaging and interpretation.
- Creation of US image bank

Faculty by PURE





# Challenges

Limited resources

Overcrowding

- Lack of emergency nursing training
- Maturing system





#### Future of EM in Rwanda

- Urge for expansion to more hospitals
- More research on Rwandan based health care

 Co-ordination of prehospital, nursing and MD.





#### Rwanda Emergency Care Association(RECA)



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Rwanda Emergency Care Association
Theme "Emergency Care in a Thousand Hills"

www.recaonline.org

"The best time to have a map is before you start exploring"

# Thank you Murakoze



