

UGANDA MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS COUNCIL
INSPECTION GUIDELINE FOR THE HEALTH FACILITIES MANAGED BY
THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS-2015

PREAMBLE

1-BACKGROUND

The Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Act 1996, section 2 (1) provides that Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council (UMDPC) has a mandate to license and inspect all health facilities that are managed by medical and dental practitioners in the Uganda. These facilities include Hospitals, medical centres, clinics and other specialized units/installations like radiology, microbiology etc. The UMDPC Act 1996 further specifies that no medical or dental practitioner will practice medicine or dentistry in both public or private facility unless s/he has been registered and licensed to practice by the UMDPC. UMDPC wants to extend its inspectorate function in the whole Country on a much routine basis so as to improve the quality of services that are provided by the its facilities across the Country This guideline therefore proposes how inspection will be conducted by the UMDPC.

2.0 Inspectors

UMDPC will appoint inspectors who will be inspect all the health facilities managed by medical and dental practitioners in the Country. Each group of inspectors will be allocated a region

2.1 Selection of Inspectors

An internal advert will be sent to all medical and dental practitioners in the Country inviting eligible candidates to apply for these posts. Preference will be

given to those already serving in the local areas of inspection besides the criteria listed below.

The inspection and registration committee of the UMDPC will select the best candidates who will be appointed by the Council (UMDPC).

The inspectors will be oriented before commencing the assignment.

2.2 Qualities of Inspectors

I -The inspectors must possess the following: has a valid with practicing licence

II -At least 10 years of experience in practice as a medical or dental practitioner

III-Known Impeccable integrity

IV-Knowledgeable in current aspects of quality of health care in the Country

V-Good standing in profession and the society

physical presence in the region to be supervised

3-MODE OF INSPECTION

3.1 Modality of inspection/supervision

The inspectors will visit all the facilities that are managed by the medical/dental practitioners using an inspection tool designed for private sector. There will be collaboration where necessary with other stakeholders in the field. These include but not limited to other Health Professional Councils, security, Local Government and the Judiciary.

3.2 Inspection tools

The self assessment tool that was developed by the private sector in conjunction with the Councils will be the main tool of inspection/supervision

3.3 Frequency

Inspection/supervisory visits will be determined by the office of the Registrar but at least once in every quarter.

3.4 TENURE

The inspectors will serve in the positions for 3 years. Inspectors will be on contract basis.

4- AREAS OF INSPECTION/SUPERVISION

The geographical areas of inspection will be determined by UMDPC from time to time.

5-REPORTING

The inspectors will submit reports after every visit to the office of the Registrar. The Inspectors will file in quarterly reports to the office of the Registrar.

6-REMUNERATION

UMDPC will remunerate the Inspectors at rates that will be determined by the Council. UMDPC can consider other facilitations as it may deem fit.

7-OVERALL SUPERVISION

The office of the Registrar with guidance from the Inspection and Registration Committee will do the oversight role of this assignment and will report to Council on quarterly basis.

8. Key Performance Indicators

- a) Quarterly report of the inspection exercise
- b) Number of clinics inspected
- c) Reports on the current total number of clinics in the area supervised

- d) % of clinics meeting minimum standards of Health Care
- e) Number of clinics that have address shortcomings identified

DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE USED IN THE INSPECTION/SUPERVISION OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES

- 1-UMDPC Act 1996,cap 272
- 2-Code of professional ethics,UMDPC 2013
- 3-Guideline on complaints against medical and dental practitioners,UMDPC 2013
- 4-Guideline on establishment of health facilities,2002
- 5-Self Assessment tool for private practice,2015
- 6-Application forms for health facility licence
- 7-Application form for Annual Practicing Licence
- 8-Policy guidelines of Ministry of Health/Government of Uganda
- 9-National treatment guidelines, MOH 2014
- 10-Infection control guidelines 2012
- 11-National Health policy,2015-19
- 12-National Health strategic and investment plan 2015/16
- 13-Occupational Health and safety guideline
- 14-Public health Act, Cap 269 (revised)
- 15-Guidelines on Reproductive health
- 16-Guidelines for Radiations
- 17-Local government Act 1998 (Revised)
- 18-Epidemic surveillance guideline
- 19-Patients charter