



The Kenya Association of Radiologists



POSITION STATEMENT BY THE KENYA ASSOCIATION OF RADIOLOGISTS (KAR) GOVERNING COUNCIL & THE KENYA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (KMA) TO HEALTH FACILITIES ON THE USE OF UNREGULATED TELERADIOLOGY AND MEDICAL IMAGE REPORTING SERVICES

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The Kenya Association of Radiologists (KAR) and Kenya Medical Association (KMA) wish to bring to the attention of all hospitals, imaging centres, healthcare providers and digital health companies operating within Kenya the landmark ruling delivered by the High Court of Kenya in Petition No. HCCHRPET/E351/2024 regarding the regulation of teleradiology and medical image reporting services.

The Court affirmed that radiology reporting is a specialised medical service that must be undertaken within the established regulatory framework to safeguard patient safety, confidentiality, professional accountability, and quality healthcare delivery.

Consequently, the operations of Rology Medical Kenya Limited were suspended until compliance with the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), Data Protection Act, Digital Health Act, and all applicable healthcare regulations.

KAR and KMA therefore advise all healthcare facilities currently engaging, or intending to engage, any local or foreign teleradiology providers to ensure that:

- 1. All persons interpreting and reporting patient images are qualified specialist radiologists registered and licensed by KMPDC.**
- 2. The identity, qualifications, and professional registration status of every reporting doctor are verifiable.**
- 3. Patient images and health information are not transferred locally or internationally without full compliance with Kenyan data protection and digital health laws.**
- 4. Clear professional and medicolegal accountability exists for every radiology report issued to a Kenyan patient.**

The outsourcing of patient images to unknown or unlicensed persons, whether within Kenya or abroad, places patients at risk of misdiagnosis, breaches confidentiality, and undermines the professional safeguards established to protect the public.

KAR and KMA emphasize that they fully support innovation, artificial intelligence, and digital transformation in healthcare. However, technology must complement, not replace or bypass, patient safety, professional regulation, and ethical medical practice.

Kenyan radiologists undergo extensive specialist training, licensing, continuous professional development, and regulatory oversight before being entrusted with patient care. Any individual or entity providing equivalent medical services to Kenyan patients must be held to the same standards.

We call upon all healthcare facilities to immediately review their medical image reporting arrangements and ensure full compliance with Kenyan law.

As doctors bound by the Hippocratic Oath, members of the Kenya Medical Association and Kenya Association of Radiologists remain committed to protecting patients, safeguarding confidential medical information, and defending the standards of a profession built on years of training, sacrifice, and service.

KAR and KMA shall continue working with the Ministry of Health, KMPDC, Digital Health Agency, and other stakeholders to promote safe, ethical, innovative, and legally compliant radiology services for all Kenyans.



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