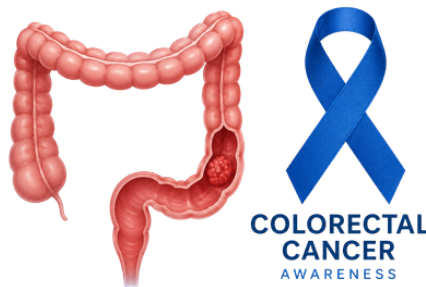


A Season of Healing, Learning & Community

From advancing clinical knowledge to strengthening cancer awareness among healthcare professionals, the second quarter of 2026 was marked by a series of impactful educational initiatives led by Cancer Care Network Zimbabwe (CCNZ). Beginning with the Colorectal Cancer in Clinical Practice webinar in April, clinicians and cancer care professionals came together to explore strategies for tackling late presentation and improving early detection of colorectal cancer. Building on this momentum, CCNZ continued its commitment to capacity building and evidence based practice through the Central Nervous System Tumours webinar in May, where leading experts shared valuable insights on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of CNS tumours. Together, these engagements provided healthcare professionals with practical knowledge and strengthened collaborative efforts to improve cancer care outcomes across Zimbabwe and the region.

■ APRIL 2026 | COLORECTAL CANCER IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Tackling Late Presentation & Improving Early Detection



Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Time: 18:00 – 19:30

CPD Points: 2 Accredited

Number of Attendees: 146

CCNZ hosted a powerful webinar on **Colorectal Cancer in Clinical Practice**, centred on the urgent theme: “Tackling Late Presentation and Improving Early Detection.” The session addressed a critical challenge in African healthcare: most colorectal cancers are diagnosed at advanced, less treatable stages.



Dr Nomsa Tsikai
Medical Oncologist



Dr Leolin Katsidzira
Gastroenterologist



Tavonga Saunyama
Host

The webinar explored how clinicians can change the trajectory of late-stage diagnoses, focusing on screening awareness, the importance of early colonoscopy referrals, and the role of patient education in reducing barriers to timely diagnosis. Colorectal cancer, once perceived as a condition mainly affecting those over the age of 50, is increasingly being diagnosed in younger populations, a trend that demands heightened clinical vigilance.

Did You Know? *Colorectal cancer is not exclusively a disease of older adults. Rising rates in younger adults make awareness, screening and early detection more important than ever. Know the signs — visit cancercarenetwork.net*

How Best Can We Fight This Together?

CCNZ elevated awareness around Colorectal Cancer, a disease affecting the colon and rectum, through both an awareness campaign and a dedicated webinar. The initiative highlighted the importance of early detection, timely screening, and evidence-based management to improve patient outcomes.

■ MAY 2026 | HEAD AND NECK CANCER

Beyond the Diagnosis: Innovations in Treatment and Care



Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2026

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

CPD Points: 2 Accredited

Number of Attendees: 109

CCNZ hosted an insightful webinar on Head & Neck Cancer, centred on the theme: “Beyond the Diagnosis, Innovations in Treatment and Care.” The session explored the latest developments in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of head and neck cancers, emphasising multidisciplinary approaches to patient care. Participants gained valuable insights into surgical innovations, reconstructive techniques, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted treatment options, with expert speakers sharing practical knowledge on improving patient outcomes, enhancing quality of life, and navigating the evolving landscape of head and neck cancer care. The webinar provided healthcare professionals with relevant, up-to-date information to support effective clinical decision-making and comprehensive patient management.



Dr Wayne Manana
Maxillofacial Surgeon



Dr Kudzai Makova
Oncologist



Nigel Hillary
Host / Moderator

The webinar explored the challenges of diagnosing and managing **Head and Neck Cancer**, emphasizing the importance of early detection, accurate diagnosis, and a multidisciplinary approach to patient care. Discussions focused on current surgical techniques, reconstructive innovations, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted treatment options that are transforming outcomes for patients. Participants gained practical insights into managing complex head and neck cancer cases, improving quality of life, and delivering patient-centered care throughout the treatment journey. As the burden of head and neck cancers continues to grow, the session highlighted the need for increased awareness, timely intervention, and coordinated care to achieve better clinical outcomes.

Did You Know? Head & neck cancers may show subtle signs like mouth ulcers, swallowing difficulty, hoarseness, neck lumps, weight loss, or sore throat. Early detection saves lives. Learn more through Cancer Care Network Zimbabwe

How Best Can We Fight This Together?

CCNZ continues to promote awareness, education, and collaboration in the fight against Head and Neck Cancer. Through this webinar, experts shared insights on early detection, innovative treatment approaches, and multidisciplinary care. Together, we can improve outcomes through awareness, timely diagnosis, effective treatment, and compassionate support.

MAY 2026 | CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TUMOURS

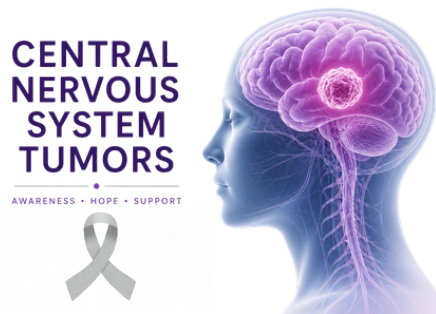
Navigating CNS Tumours: Expert Insights from Diagnosis to Treatment. Practical Strategies for Today's Clinician

Date: Tuesday, 26 May 2026

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

CPD Points: 2 Accredited

Number of Attendees: 66



CCNZ hosted an insightful webinar on Central Nervous System (CNS) Tumours, focused on the theme: “Navigating CNS Tumours: Expert Insights from Diagnosis to Treatment.” The session explored the complexities of diagnosing and managing brain and spinal tumours, highlighting current treatment approaches, multidisciplinary care, and practical strategies to improve patient outcomes. Experts shared valuable perspectives on early recognition, accurate diagnosis, and advances in neuro-oncology relevant to today's clinicians.



Dr Tandiwe Mashaah

Consultant Radiotherapist and Oncology



Dr Luxwell Jokonya

Consultant Neurosurgeon and Program Director



Dr Eyerusalem Bergene Banti

Neurosurgeon and Assistant Professor (Ethiopia)

The webinar explored the challenges of diagnosing and managing Central Nervous System (CNS) tumours, emphasizing the importance of early recognition, timely referral, and multidisciplinary care. Discussions focused on current diagnostic approaches, advances in treatment modalities, and practical strategies for clinicians navigating complex neuro-oncology cases. As the burden of CNS tumours continues to impact patients across all age groups, the session highlighted the need for increased clinical awareness, accurate diagnosis, and coordinated care to improve patient outcomes.

Did You Know? Brain and spinal tumours can present with symptoms that are often mistaken for less serious conditions. Persistent headaches, seizures, vision changes, balance problems, or unexplained neurological symptoms should never be ignored. Early diagnosis can make a significant difference in treatment outcomes. Learn more at Cancer Care Network Zimbabwe.

How Best Can We Fight This Together?

CCNZ advanced awareness and professional education on Central Nervous System (CNS) Tumours through a dedicated webinar focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and multidisciplinary management of brain and spinal tumours. The session brought together leading experts to share practical insights, current treatment approaches, and strategies to improve patient outcomes in neuro-oncology.

MYTH OR FACT? 	
Cancer is always inherited.	
☐ Myth	☐ Fact
Answer: MYTH Most cancers are not inherited and develop due to a combination of factors.	

MYTH OR FACT? 	
Lifestyle choices can influence cancer risk.	
☐ Myth	☐ Fact
Answer: FACT Healthy habits such as not smoking, staying active, and eating well can help reduce cancer risk.	



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