Aga Khan Hospital joins the top league

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Aga Khan University Hospital was yesterday granted the Joint Commission International accreditation.

The approval is the highest international hospital accreditation, making it the first hospital in East Africa and one of six in Africa to achieve the global standard

"It is a proud moment for Aga Khan University Hospital's staff and all physicians who practise at AKUH, and a significant achievement in the region where patients no longer have to travel abroad to receive world-class care," the hospital said in a statement.

1,218

Number of quality elements measured in JCI hospital audit

"The JCI accreditation, administered out of Chicago, USA, is an external validation that AKUH is providing the highest quality of patient care and safety in line with international peer hospitals; It is a testimony of our commitment to patient safety and highest quality as measured by international standards," it added.

JCI's extensive audit measures 1,218 quality elements, which cover key patient care factors such as infection control, standards of physician practice, medication management and safety of care.

Other are qualifications and competencies of staff and physicians, patient education, multi-disciplinary management of patients, safety and proper maintenance of the facility, amongst others.