

RISE is a radiology-teaching platform providing live virtual interactive training. The RISE technology platform allows radiology trainees at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, to tune in during live lectures at UCSF and other participating institutions in the U.S. It also provides access to recorded lectures for self-paced learning.

“We chose the University of Nairobi to start for several reasons,” said Dr. Rehani. “We had met few visiting trainees from the University and knew they had the infrastructure, a passion to learn, and a large 40-resident radiology residency program. The aim is to expand to other sites globally after this pilot project.”

Dr. Gladys Mwangi, a member of the radiology faculty at the University of Nairobi, is collaborating with Dr. Rehani in implementing the RISE platform at her institution. She said radiology students in Kenya lack opportunities beyond a basic radiology education.

“We are all general radiologists and are yet to develop the different radiology specialties and fellowships,” said Dr. Mwangi. Further training requires leaving the country. Some students can’t afford this, but the larger obstacle is the time it takes away from furthering other studies.

“We have a lack of capacity for sub-specialist training. That and the unavailability of fellowship opportunities in the region contributes to underdeveloped imaging protocols and guidelines,” pointed out Dr. Mwangi.

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