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Neurosurgery, in one form or another, has a long tradition in [Kenya](#). Early skull [trepanations](#) in Kenya were reported by previous studies, which reveal that these procedures have a long tradition, being passed down from generation to generation. Modern neurosurgical development in [Kenya](#) has its origins in the late [1940s](#) when the first [elective neurosurgical procedures](#) were performed by Dr. J. F. Jarvis, Chief of Head and Neck Surgery at the now [Kenyatta National Hospital](#), when he operated on anterior [encephaloceles](#), and later also performed anterior [third ventriculostomy](#) for [hydrocephalus](#). Formal neurosurgery developed from these initial steps, with the arrival of the first trained specialist, Dr. [Renato Ruberti](#), whose pioneering efforts resulted in the founding of the Neurological Society of Kenya (NSK), the Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences (PAANS), and the [African Federation of Neurosurgical Societies](#) (AFNS). The last quarter of the 20th century has seen the progress of neurosurgery reach its present respectable levels, with dedicated and well-trained Kenyan neurosurgical specialists focusing not only on its practice but diligently pursuing its development ¹⁾.

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