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ere were also suggestions among some (13.3%) that some patients were apathetic about what went on in their own care. However, some of them were not allowed to have a say in their own care even when they wanted to.

“Some people ask us about the way forward, the next thing to be done but some don’t care” (Nurse 3).

“We the health workers don’t want them to tell us what to do for them and those who are trying to voice out are seen as being difficult” (Nurse 14).

Nurse 9 was of the view that patients often underwent numerous diagnostic tests which were usually expensive.

“ They have to pay for most of the investigations, most of them are

“ There has been shortage of drugs and sometimes patients have to go out and purchase their own drugs” (Nurse 8).

Again Nurse 9 explained that some patients complained about poor meals at the hospital which calls for advocacy.

“ They serve two meals and always it is rice and beans so for some

could also be used as a guideline for improving patient autonomy through the recognition of patients' choices in their own care; the core aim of patient advocacy. It could also inform policy formulation in the health sector to support patient advocacy to improve patient