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Medical body refutes Aids claim

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The Kenya Medical Association

(KMA) has refuted claims ·on

Aids by a 'Nairobi: psychiatrist.

The psychiatrist, Professor.

Gatere, had said it was important

'for people to be tested beyond

Professionally accepted, medical

examination for employment.

In a statement yesterday, the

KMA national chairman, Dr J. A.

Aluodi; said. HIV screening

would not be a useful strategy to

identify any functional impairment;

in other. Wise healthy

persons.

Dr Aluoch was reacting to a

talk presented by Prof Gatere on

the ,Kenya Television Network

(KTN) on Thursday. '

Prof Gatere had stressed' the importance of ruling out Aids before the employer recruited new employees.

Dr Mooch diontiseed the claim

end said they were misleading on

medical -and homos rights grounds.

He said there was no evidence

that 111V screening too healthy.

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impairment is persons who were

Otherwise healthy. -

Dr Mooch also said it did not appear to be soy tenable ground

in restricting HIV positive persons from employment.