

Media Statement

HPCSA INSPECTIONS BUST BOGUS PRACTITIONERS IN GAUTENG AND MPUMALANGA

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office successfully conducted operations at various medical practices to eliminate illegal practices by bogus practitioners. The operations were carried out in the Gauteng and Mpumalanga provinces, respectively.

During the initial inspection in Evander, Mpumalanga, inspectors found Mr Mpoyi Kayij, a Congolese national, working as a locum medical practitioner for Dr Ilunga Kabale, a registered practitioner. However, Mr Kayij is not registered with Council and has been working illegally at the medical practice since May 2023.

Dr Kabale claimed ignorance about Mr Kayij's registration status and stated that his employment was for practical experience ahead of the Medical Board examination. Mr Kayij was arrested and detained at Evander SAPS for violating Section 17(1) of the Health Profession Act, 56 of 1974. Dr Kabale will be reported to the Medical and Dental Professions Board for unethical conduct through the Complaints Handling and Investigation Division.

In a separate incident, the Inspectorate Office, along with members of the Johannesburg Intelligence Services and the Ekurhuleni Metro Police, conducted a collaborative intelligence-led operation in Bedfordview, Gauteng. Ms Rene Geldenhuys, whose registration with Council was erased in 2015, was discovered practising illegally as a Physiotherapist. Ms Geldenhuys was arrested for violating Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974 and detained at Bedfordview SAPS.

It is only through collaboration that we can see the rewards of our efforts, hence, the public is encouraged to continuously stay alert and report any suspicious activities to the HPCSA at InspectorateOffice@hpcsa.co.za. Moreover, individuals can confirm the registration status of medical

practitioners by using the "Search the Register" tool on the HPCSA website or by reaching out to the Call Centre at 012 338 9300/1.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects of education, training and registration, professional conduct, and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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