
Media Statement

BOGUS PRACTITIONER ARRESTED IN NIGEL

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For immediate release

Pretoria –The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) in collaboration with the South Africa Product Regulatory Authority and the Provincial Organised Crime Unit conducted an operation resulting in the arrest of a bogus practitioner.

On Tuesday, 19 March 2019, Mr Makoko Thomas Tshimbombo, a Congolese national was found practising as a medical practitioner (whilst not registered with the HPCSA) at the practice of Dr Albert Kolombwa, who is registered with Council. The operation was conducted as a result of an anonymous tip-off received from a member of the community.

Mr Tshimbombo was arrested and taken into custody at the South African Police Service in Nigel.

The Inspectorate Office is advising practitioners registered with the HPCSA to adhere to the ethical guidelines and ensure that they employ practitioners who are registered with Council. The HPCSA welcomes the tip-offs that members of the community have provided thus far. Members of the community are encouraged to continue to report all suspected illegal practices by unregistered persons (bogus practitioners).

The Inspectorate Office is based at the Council's Head Office in Pretoria, with regional offices in Cape Town, Durban and East London.

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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 pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding 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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