

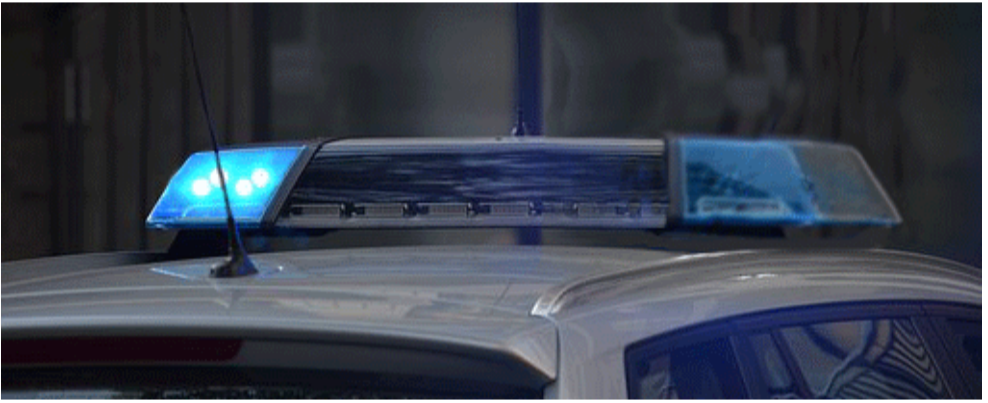
Dear Valued Practitioner

The trust that the healthcare professions enjoy, stands in direct relation to the HPCSA's ability to maintain its **constitutionally mandated** healthcare standards. To this end the HPCSA raided the offices of **unregistered practitioners** this month resulting in the prosecution of the individuals involved. Keep an eye out for upcoming **HPCSA events** where practitioners can earn CPD points and engage the HPCSA on issues affecting your field of practice.

The benefits of good oral hygiene to your general wellbeing is well documented. By following simple **preventative steps**, oral healthcare can be greatly improved. On the other side of the spectrum, the scourge of methamphetamines has become a **source of concern** for dental practitioners.

As always, we welcome your **feedback**. Enjoy the read!

The HPCSA Team



### **Locums practising illegally**

The recent arrest of an unregistered practitioner in the North West Province again highlighted the importance of ensuring that locums are duly registered and in compliance with HPCSA requirements. **Read more**

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### **HPCSA events**

Council will be hosting symposia and roadshows aimed at engaging practitioners and keep them updated on pertinent issues regarding their fields of practice. **Read more**

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### **Prevention is cheaper than cure**

The cost of repairing decayed tooth structure far exceeds the costs of these protective procedures by at least 200%, reports the dental association. **Read more**

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### **The effect of methamphetamine use on our teeth**

The HPCSA notes with concern the rise in the use of illegal drugs – specifically the production and use of methamphetamines, which is a strong stimulant drug, given its impact on society. **Read more**

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