

## **PRACTITIONERS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE PRECRIBED FORMS WHERE CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED**

Practitioners who are involved in treating children will from time to time require consent of either the child and/or parent/guardian. During the current symposiums for practitioners conducted by Council, it has been noted that most practitioners are not utilising prescribed consent form when engaging in both clinical and non-clinical interventions involving children. The children's Act 38 of 2005 Regulations has prescribed specific form that should be utilized for any intervention involving a child or children. The use of any consent form other than the prescribed form for a particular intervention is illegal and practitioners should ensure that a prescribed form is used for a particular intervention. Council has noted the following seven (7) consent forms as of relevance to practitioners registered under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974 and for additional forms, practitioners are encouraged to access them from the Regulations contemplated above.

- Form 2: Consent to social or cultural circumcision
- Form 3: Consent to religious circumcision
- Form 22: Reporting of abuse or deliberate neglect of a child
- Form 23: Reporting of abuse or deliberate neglect of a child to the Director General
- Form 33: Application for consent to medical treatment or surgical operation by the Minister
- Form 34: Consent to surgical operation by a child
- Form 35: Consent to surgical operation of a child by a parent.

In the endeavour to guide practitioners, Council has made these forms available on the HPCSA website and can be downloaded for use by practitioners.