Media Statement

HPCSA GETS PRACTITIONER STRUCK OF THE REGISTER

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For immediate release

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) yesterday, Thursday 21 May 2015 struck Dr RF Mahfouz off the HPCSA register. Dr Mahfouz appeared in front of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Medical and Dental Professions Board following a High Court interdict, where he was barred and dismissed from the Public Service and could not practise as a General Practitioner.

On Thursday, 22 May, Dr Mahfouz was found guilty of three charges, namely:

1. Found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in section 1 of the Act in that he issued medical certificates to a variety of patients employed at a variety of employers, and recommending sick leave purportedly on the basis of his examination of the patients during the period from October 2008 to December 2010 without just cause.

2. Found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in section 1 of the Act in that he failed to keep proper patient records in respect of one or more or all of the patients referred to in charge 2 above and/or failed to produce the patient records in respect of one or more or all of the those patients when the said files were requested from him during an investigation in terms of Section 41A of the Health Professions Act, Act 56 of 1974 at Solomon Tsuku Street, Khayelitsha on 14 June 2012, or at any time thereafter.

3. Found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in section 1 of the Act in that he practiced in a capacity other than his registration category namely: General Practitioner – Public Service at Solomon Tsuku Street, Site C, Khayelitsha, Cape Town, Western Cape.

The HPCSA has a mandate that it needs to uphold - protecting the public and guiding the professions.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body and is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality healthcare standards for all.
The Council is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to registration, education and training, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions with which Council is concerned.

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