
Media Statement

HPCSA ARRESTS BOGUS MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IN TEMBISA

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Pretoria –The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) continues to uphold its mandate of protecting the public by ensuring that bogus practitioners who practise whilst not registered with Council are apprehended.

The HPCSA's Inspectorate Office and members of the Tembisa South African Police Service (SAPS) conducted an operation aimed at eradicating unregistered practitioners. During the operation Mr Olanusi Olusola Augustine (a Nigerian National) was found practising as a medical practitioner whilst not registered with the HPCSA. He indicated that he has been employed as a locum by Dr Mataboge since 2016. Mr Augustine was arrested and detained at the Tembisa SAPS for fraud and being in contravention of Section 17 (1) of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974.

Dr Mataboge is actively registered with the HPCSA, she will be reported to the respective Board for her conduct.

The HPCSA requests registered practitioners to refrain from employing unregistered persons as this poses a risk on the lives of the public. Practising whilst not registered with Council is a criminal offence. The public can verify a practitioner's status by checking the HPCSA iRegister or calling the Call Centre on 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 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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