

Media Statement

HPCSA INSPECTION UNCOVERS ILLEGAL LOCUM

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The diligent efforts of the Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office in preventing bogus medical practices by unauthorised individuals are yielding positive results. This follows the arrest of an unregistered medical practitioner after a routine inspection in Mpumalanga.

During the inspection at a healthcare facility in Kwaggafontein, KwaNdebele, the HPCSA Inspectorate Team found that Mr Kabundji Jean-Paul Mumba, a Congolese national, has been practising as a locum for Dr Kaleu Sambayi without being properly registered with Council since August 2023. Mr Mumba alleges to be waiting to write a board examination in order to become registered.

Mr Mumba was arrested and held at the Kwaggafontein SAPS for violating Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act. Additionally, Dr Sambayi will be reported to the Medical and Dental Professions Board for hiring an unregistered locum.

The HPCSA takes this matter seriously and remains committed to upholding the standards and regulations of Council. Any instances of unauthorised practice will be thoroughly investigated and addressed in accordance with the law. It is crucial that members of the public are vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the HPCSA on InspectorateOffice@hpcsa.co.za

The public is encouraged to confirm the practitioners' registration status by using "Search the Register" feature on the HPCSA website or by contacting the Call Centre at 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 of education, training and registration, professional conduct, and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide 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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