

Media Statement

HPCSA ARRESTS FOUR (4) SUSPECTS IN VARIOUS OPERATIONS

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. Through its mandate of protecting the public, the HPCSA's Inspectorate Office continues to clean the healthcare profession through the inspections that are being carried out.

The Gauteng Inspectorate Office conducted a joint operation with the Ekurhuleni East Cluster Crime Intelligence and the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department Kwa-Thema where three (3) suspects were arrested for fraud relating to the purchase and sale of fraudulent medical certificates under the name of Dr B Masebe. The suspects were arrested and detained at the Kwa-Thema Police Station.

In another operation, the Inspectorate Office in Kwa-Zulu Natal together with the South African Police Service Tracing Unit in Pietermaritzburg conducted an inspection at the practice of Dr SB Ngobese. During the inspection, the team found Mr Siphesihle Brian Dube practising as a medical practitioner whilst not registered with Council. Mr Dube was registered with Council as a clinical associate until he was suspended from the register in November 2018 for failure to pay annual fees. He was arrested and detained at the Impendle SAPS, and later released on bail. He is expected to appear in court today, 27 July 2020.

Council continues to caution practitioners to be vigilant when employing practitioners at their practices to verify their qualifications and ensure that they are registered with Council.

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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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