

Media Statement

BOGUS HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONER ARRESTED

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For immediate release

Pretoria –The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is concerned about the increasing number of bogus healthcare practitioners who continue to practise whilst not registered with Council.

The HPCSA's Inspectorate Office in conjunction with the National Crime Intelligence and the Johannesburg Flying Squad conducted an operation at the Dental Practice of Dr Abram Behr Fait in Dunkeld West Centre, Johannesburg. During the operation, it was discovered that Mr Vladimir Jovanovic was practising as a Dentist whilst not being registered as such with Council. It was also established that Mr Jovanovic has been practising as a Dentist at the practice since 2018, and that Dr Fait has not been practising at the practice from March this year.

Dr Fait was not present at the time of the operation.

Mr Jovanovic was arrested and taken to the Parkview SAPS where he was charged for contravening Section 17(1)(a) of the Health Professions Act, (Act 56 of 1974), under CAS no. 58/10/2020. He was subsequently moved to the Johannesburg Central SAPS where he is currently in custody and will appear in court on Monday, 12 October 2020 for his bail application.

The matter will be referred to the Medical and Dental Professions Board for disciplinary action against Dr Fait as he employed/allowed an unregistered person to practise at his practice whilst not registered with Council.

The Inspectorate Office is pleading with healthcare practitioners registered with the HPCSA to refrain from employing/allowing unregistered persons to practise at their practices as this endangers the innocent lives of the public. The HPCSA will continue to maintain its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions.

Members of the community are encouraged to continue to report all suspected illegal practices by unregistered persons and welcomes tip-offs at any of our HPCSA offices around the country. The Inspectorate Office is based at the Council's Head Office in Pretoria, with regional offices in Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

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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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