

## **Media Statement**

### **HPCSA CONGRATULATES PROFESSOR MASHUDU TSHIFULARO ON THE WORLD'S FIRST EVER MIDDLE EAR TRANSPLANT**

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**Pretoria** – The President of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), Dr Kgosi Letlape congratulates Professor Mashudu Tshifularo for performing the world's first ever middle ear transplant.

Professor Tshifularo is the Head of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department at the University of Pretoria. He performed the transplant on a 35 year old man who was able to regain his hearing.

Professor Tshifularo is a registered practitioner of the HPCSA and has been an active member since 1989.

The HPCSA appreciates the exceptional work that was carried out by Professor Tshifularo and the team who worked tirelessly to ensure that the operation was a success. On behalf of the HPCSA, Dr Letlape wishes them all the best for future innovations.

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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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