
MEDIA STATEMENT

ERASED LOCUM ARRESTED IN MITCHELLS PLAIN

27 June 2019

For immediate release

Pretoria – On 29 May 2019, the Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office conducted a random inspection at the practice of Dr A Bhoopchand in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town.

During the inspection, Dr Allistair Donovan Saayman, was found practising and when requested to provide the necessary documentation, he fled the scene.

A follow-up inspection in collaboration with the South African Police Service was carried out on Monday, 24 June 2019, where Dr Saayman was again found to be practising as a medical doctor. He alleges that he was employed as a locum by Dr A Bhoopchand for one year until 7 June 2019. He also alleges that Dr Bhoopchand sold his practice to Dr JMC Mbamalu and he has been employed as a locum doctor with Dr Mbamalu as from 10 June 2019 until the day of the arrest. At the time of his arrest, Dr Saayman was found to be suspended for non-payment of annual fees. Dr Bhoopchand and Dr Mbamalu are active on the HPCSA register.

Practitioners are encouraged to ensure that the locums that they employ are registered with the HPCSA.

The Inspectorate Office is based at the Council's Head Office in Pretoria, with regional offices in Cape Town, Durban and East London.

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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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