
Media Statement

HPCSA WARNS AGAINST EMPLOYING UNREGISTERED LOCUMS

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa’s (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office in collaboration with the SAPS in Cape Town conducted an inspection on 3 September 2019 in Khayelitsha, Site C.

An unregistered locum was arrested for practising while suspended for failure to pay annual fees. Dr Chibuzo Chukwunomso Anaso a Nigerian national has been suspended since 15 October 2010. He was arrested while working as a locum at the practice of Dr Siyabonga Ndlumbini who is registered with Council. Dr Anaso indicated that he had been working as a locum for Dr Ndlumbini for three (3) months before his arrest. On the day of the arrest he had consulted with 83 patients and all the clinical notes were seized as evidence and filed with the Khayelitsha SAP13/1679/2019. Dr Anaso was detained at Khayelitsha SAPS.

The HPCSA cautions practitioners on the dangers of employing locum doctors that are not registered with Council and are urged to verify the status of locums they wish to employ.

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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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