
Media Statement

UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONER ARRESTED IN DURBAN

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa’s (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office has done it again, as it continues to implement the HPCSA’s mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions by ensuring that it clamps down on those practising whilst not registered with Council.

On 26 June 2019, the Inspectorate Office along with the Hawks in Durban conducted an inspection at the practice of Dr T Mndaweni, in Acorn Street, (Warwick Avenue). Upon arrival, the investigating team established that Dr Mndaweni was on leave and a locum had been employed to treat patients. The locum, Dr Mwambay Amissi Kalekwa indicated that he is a Congolese national and had been working as a medical doctor at the practice since Monday, 24 June 2019. When officers verified his status on the HPCSA register, it was established that Dr Kalekwa was not registered with Council. This is in Contravention of Section 17(1)(a), Section 33, Section 34 and Section 39 of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The suspect alleges to have written the Board Exam and had received an email from Council, however, he could not provide proof of such.

The suspect was arrested and a criminal case was registered at Durban Central SAPS; the case number is CAS 978/06/2019. Dr Kalekwa had treated four patients whom their files were seized as well as a prescription he had written for a patient as evidence.

The HPCSA cautions practitioners to verify the status of locums before employing them at their practices and authenticate their qualifications to 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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