

Dear Valued Practitioner

The National Department of Health (NDoH) said goodbye to long-serving Director General **Ms Precious Matsoso**, and welcomed Dr Anban Pillay in the position of Acting Head.

In this issue, we celebrate South Africa's **polio-free status** by the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the **HPCSA's 5th consecutive clean audit** for the 2018/19 financial year

Practitioners are reminded of the correct application of **ICD-10 coding** and adhering to their HPCSA **registration requirements**.

Best wishes

The HPCSA Corporate Affairs Team



Director General of Health bids farewell

Ms Precious Matsoso, Director General of the National Department of Health, bid farewell to the position she occupied since 2010. The Minister of Health expressed his gratitude and wished the outgoing Director General well in her future career. [Read more](#)

Coding challenges and concerns

ICD-10 codes are used to inform medical schemes about what conditions their members were treated for by the healthcare practitioner so that claims can be settled correctly. In the light of challenges with coding faced by practitioners, we advise on key areas of concern. [Read more](#)

HPCSA 2018/19 Annual Report

The HPCSA 2018/19 Annual Report was tabled and approved by the Council. Of particular importance, was the fact that the HPCSA received an unqualified audit report for the 2018/19 financial year - our 5th consecutive governance certification. An unqualified opinion is an independent auditor's judgement that the organisation's financial statements are fairly and appropriately presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). [Read more](#)

South Africa certified polio-free

The WHO's African Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) certified South Africa as a polio-free country. Not resting on their laurels, the National Department of Health has shifted their focus on improved target based immunisation and surveillance performance.

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