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**To: Station Managers  
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**24 February 2021**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is continuing to uphold its mandate of guiding the professions through ongoing engagements with its healthcare practitioners. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic that has gripped the country and the world, and with many public gatherings barred from taking place, the HPCSA had to cancel all Practitioner Roadshows and Symposia that were scheduled to take place this year. As an alternative, the HPCSA will be hosting its symposia on digital platforms to ensure that practitioners continue to obtain their CEU's.

The symposium is an engagement platform initiated by Council as a mechanism to interact with its stakeholders and receive feedback on pertinent issues that affect them. The Symposium is also hosted to ensure that Council adheres to its mandate of guiding the professions and protecting the public. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for health practitioners to acquire points towards their Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

The HPCSA will be hosting these virtual symposia throughout the country and this one is for practitioners based in Mafikeng. Council is excited to welcome practitioners to its virtual presentation and encourages healthcare practitioners and media to join in and be part of the conversation that will improve South Africa's healthcare system.

The topic for discussion will be "**Ethical trends in healthcare**" presented by Mr Mpho Mbodi who is the Head of Division: Professional Practice.

The details of the event are as follows:

**Venue: Microsoft Teams**  
**Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021**  
**Time: 18:00 – 20:00**

The Media is invited.

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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 indirectly 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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