

Media Statement

HPCSA CLAMPING DOWN ON ILLEGAL PRACTITIONERS

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa’s (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office has again arrested a bogus practitioner who was found practising whilst not registered with Council.

In an effort to uphold the mandate of protecting the public and ensuring that all practitioners operating in the area are registered with Council as per the regulation 14 of the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974, the HPCSA’s Inspectorate Office conducted an operation with members of the Ekurhuleni East Crime Intelligence Unit and the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department (EMPD) Community Liaison Unit in Jeppestown, Johannesburg.

During the inspection, it was found that, Dr Shaban Moradi (an Iranian National) was practising as a medical practitioner whilst not being registered as such with Council under the name and details of Dr William Mosito Mogaila since 2014.

Dr Shaban Moradi was further found to be in possession of and dispensing scheduled medications (ranging from schedule 1 to schedule 5) at the practice without being in possession of a Dispensing License.

Dr Moradi was arrested and taken into custody at the Jeppe SAPS and charged with:

1. Contravening Section 17(1)(a) of the Health Professions Act, (Act 56 of 1974), which is a criminal offence in terms of Section 17(5), by practising as a Medical Practitioner whilst not being registered as such with the HPCSA;
2. Contravening Section 22c of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, (Act 101 of 1965), which is a criminal offence in terms of Section 29(k), by dispensing medication without being the holder of the necessary license to dispense; and

3. Fraud, for practising under the name and details of Dr William Mosito Mogaila.

Practitioners registered with Council are encouraged to ensure that they vet the practitioners whom they employ to ensure the safety of the public. It is illegal to employ unregistered persons and allow them to treat patients without being registered. Members of the public are urged to be vigilant and report suspected bogus practitioners in their communities.

The HPCSA would like to re-emphasise that practising whilst not registered with Council is a criminal offence and illegal practitioners are not only breaking the law, but they are putting the lives of the public at risk.

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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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