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Dear Valued Practitioner

In this issue, we welcome back practitioners with a **special message** from the Acting Registrar/CEO. As we begin the year, we would like to remind you to utilise our **self-service portal** to manage your registrations, download registration certificates and make online payments.

Practitioners whose **annual fees are deducted through PERSAL** are advised to access the **self-service portal** and verify their contact details as well as HPCSA registration status to ensure that their membership is still active. The HPCSA continues to hold **stakeholder engagements** to keep practitioners abreast of ethical guidelines within the healthcare profession.

Lastly, take note that the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) has issued an **update on the outbreak of measles** in the country.

Let us work together to make this year a success for our professions and the public that we serve.

### **The HPCSA Team**

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#### **Message from HPCSA Acting Registrar**

It is an absolute pleasure for me to wish you all a happy new year, this is a time for a fresh start, and I am excited to undertake this journey with you. The year 2022 had its own challenges in various aspects that affect your personal and professional lives; nonetheless, let us look forward to the new year with renewed optimism.

I would like to acknowledge the good work that you have accomplished in the previous year as well as to recognise the hard work that you have put in over the festive season. You truly are the pulse of the healthcare profession in the country.

I urge you to stay true to your calling and to always maintain high ethical and professional standards; this is not only to protect your integrity but for the well-being and noble reputation of your respective professions.

To close off, I wish to reiterate the HPCSA's commitment to providing you with all the necessary support. May this be a year of growth and fulfilment for you, personally and professionally.

### Your online profile made easy

Practitioners are reminded to use the HPCSA self-service portal for their registration, download the registration certificates, update personal details and payment of annual fees. The portal is also handy to manage your CPD status.

[Read more](#)

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### Public sector practitioners urged to check PERSAL status

Practitioners employed in the public sector whose annual HPCSA registration fees are paid over by their employer, are advised to check with their provincial health departments if PERSAL deductions have been made on their behalf before making payments to HPCSA for annual fees (Payroll System for Public Service). [Read more](#)

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### HPCSA symposia

Practitioners are invited to participate in the upcoming HPCSA symposia under the theme *Ethics for registered practitioners*. In addition, the DNB Board will host a stakeholder engagement on *Dietetics and Nutrition*. Along with valuable professional insights, participating practitioners will earn CEUs. [Read more](#)

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### Measles update

The NICD has issued updates on the ongoing measles outbreak in South Africa and called on healthcare practitioners to be vigilant in identifying and managing cases of measles and to report suspected cases to the relevant authorities. Furthermore, it is recommended to follow the guidelines of the WHO for managing measles cases. [Read more](#)

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