

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REGISTERED MEDICAL PHYSICISTS MAY PRACTISE THEIR PROFESSION

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The Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, hereby makes the following regulations in terms of [section 61](#) (1) (m) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R.234 dated 28 February 1969:

1. A registered medical physicist shall not-
 - (1) make an independent medical diagnosis except in association with a registered medical practitioner;
 - (2) undertake the prescription of therapeutic treatment levels;
 - (3) for the purpose of promoting his own professional interests, directly or indirectly advertise himself in any manner or procure, sanction or acquiesce in the publication of matter commanding or directing attention to his professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications or deprecating the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of any other registered person.
2. A registered medical physicist whose certificate of registration has not been endorsed in terms of rule 2 of the rules for the registration of medical physicists but who is undergoing training for the purpose of such endorsement shall not, except under the supervision of a registered medical physicist whose certificate has been endorsed in terms of the said rule 2, carry out any procedure in the field of radiation physics which may have a direct bearing on the treatment or diagnosis of patients or which may result in the exposure of personnel to radiation in excess of internationally recommended permissible exposure levels.
3. A registered medical physicist whose certificate of registration has been endorsed in terms of rule 2 of the rules for the registration of medical physicists shall not permit, except under his personal supervision, access to any source of radiation under his control to any person who cannot satisfy him that he is suitably qualified and experienced in the use and safe handling of such source.
4. A registered medical physicist shall at all times comply with such statutory requirements relating to ionising radiation as may be prescribed by any competent authority from time to time.
5. Any registered medical physicist contravening or failing to comply with any of the above regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding R50.