



## **POLICY ON UNDERTAKING MEDICAL OUTREACH PROGRAMMES BY JUNIOR DOCTORS AND DENTISTS**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe (MDPCZ) is a statutory body established in terms of the Health Professions Act (Chapter 27:19). The functions of the Council as provided in Section 30 (1) of the Health Professions Act (Chapter 27:19) are registration of all practitioners wishing to practice in the country, education of medical and dental practitioners and ensuring discipline within registered medical and dental professions. The three functions are performed to fulfill the provisions of Section 30 (1) (a) of the said legislation which mandates Council to assist in the promotion of the health of the population of Zimbabwe. It is against this background that Council values and recognizes the activities of philanthropic practitioners willing to undertake medical outreach in Zimbabwe. In this sense Council may exempt registration not automatically these organizations from undertaking medical outreach. The exemption shall not absolve Council from the need to ensure professional and ethical practice.

### **PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

The purpose of the policy is to facilitate and supervise the practice of local philanthropic practitioners wishing to undertake medical outreach programmes in Zimbabwe.

### **POLICY**

Every group of registered local practitioners wishing to undertake medical outreach shall be required to seek permission to undertake the medical outreach.

### **Medical/Dental Students/Medical Interns or Practitioners undertaking GME/GDE Year**

- a) Should undertake the medical outreach under the direct supervision of a Senior Practitioner with a valid Open Practising Certificate and in good standing who will be accountable for the activities of the group.
- b) Should complete the attached application form.

## CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCOUNTABLE PRACTITIONER

- a) The Accountable Practitioner shall submit reports and responses that may be sought by the Council in performing its normal regulatory duties.
- b) The Accountable Practitioner shall provide Council with:
- c) Details of the Accountable Practitioner
  - A schedule of all the medical activities.
  - Duration of the outreach programme.
  - Complete list of participants.
  - Place where the outreach programme is to be undertaken
  - Any other information that may be required from time to time.
- d) All communication with the Council shall be addressed to the Registrar and duly submitted to Council offices by the Accountable Practitioner and **not through a third party.**
- e) The Coordinator shall be held accountable to normal standards of health practice and will be responsible for what is ultimately published in the newspapers.

## CONDITIONS FOR INTERNS/STUDENTS/GDE/GME PRACTITIONERS ON MEDICAL OUTREACH

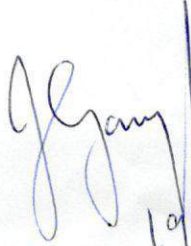
- The outreach should be undertaken outside normal working hours so as not to interfere with other duties.
- Interns and Students are **not** allowed to prescribe drugs.
- Interns can consult patients in the presence of a supervisor.
- Medical/Dental Students are not allowed to consult patients.

NAME OF ACCOUNTABLE PRACTITIONER \_\_\_\_\_

QUALIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

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**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE LOCAL PHILANTHROPIC MEDICAL OUTREACH**

(To be completed in block letters)

**1. NATURE OF MEDICAL OUTREACH** .....

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**2. LOCATION(S) OF MEDICAL OUTREACH** .....

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**3. PROPOSED DATES OF THE MEDICAL OUTREACH** .....

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**4. NAME OF THE COORDINATOR** .....

**QUALIFICATIONS** .....

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT** .....

**5. MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL OUTREACH**

**STUDENTS**

**INTERNS**

**MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONERS**

*(Please attach list of names of practitioners)*

**6. ANY OTHER PRACTITIONER SEEKING APPLICATION**

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DATE .....

SIGNATURE .....