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**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT: CONCEPT OF HOMEOPATHIC 'VACCINES'
WITHIN THE PHILOSOPHY OF HOMEOPATHY OR HOMEOPATHIC
METHODOLOGY**

Vaccines are biological preparations of antigenic materials that are believed to develop adaptive-immunity in recipients of the vaccine to a specific disease, are typically manufactured from attenuated or inert antigenic materials and are administered in either a prophylactic or therapeutic conventional medical approach against disease.

Section 1 (2) of the Act, as amended, read together with Regulation 28 of Government Notice R.127, published on 12 February 2001 (as amended), as well as Regulation 47 of Government Notice R. 2610, published on 03 December 1982 (as amended) sets out the scope of practice for practitioners of Homeopathy.

The Council, after due consideration and in consultation with the Professional Board: Homeopathy, Naturopathy and Phytotherapy (PBHNP), has resolved that no homeopathic substance should be termed or purported to be a homeopathic 'vaccine'.

The concept of a homeopathic 'vaccine' does not exist in the philosophy of Homeopathy or in Homeopathic methodology, nor is it proven or demonstrable that an antigen-antibody reaction is caused with resultant antibody titres after the administration of any homeopathic substance.

The Council, after due consideration and in consultation with the PBHNP, has therefore resolved that:

- (a) No education and training that would promote the concept of homeopathic 'vaccines' or instruct in any way the substitution of registered vaccines with homeopathic substances, may take place by any person or institution;
- (b) The administration, dispensing or any recommendation to patients or legal guardians of any homeopathic substance purported to be a 'vaccine' is deemed **unprofessional conduct** for practitioners of Homeopathy; and
- (c) No homeopathic substance may be administered in purported fulfilment of the Road to Health Chart: Expanded Program on Immunisation Vaccines (EPI) or as any other substitute for a registered vaccine.

Should the Council become aware of any practitioner of Homeopathy engaging in any of the abovementioned prohibited practices, such practitioner shall face disciplinary action in terms of Sections 23 – 30 of the Act, as amended.

The above notice does not prevent the execution of any other ordinary function of a homeopathic practitioner in terms of his/her prescribed scope of practice that may seek to prevent any illness, disease or condition.



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