

BOARD NOTICE 193 OF 2017**ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD NOTICE:
ADVISING PATIENTS ON THERMOGRAPHY AND MAMMOGRAPHY**

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) is a statutory health body established in terms of the Allied Health Professions Act, 63 of 1982 ("the Act") in order to control all allied health professions, which includes Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Osteopathy, Phytotherapy, Therapeutic Aromatherapy, Therapeutic Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Reflexology and Unani-Tibb.

The AHPCSA, taking into account section 1(2)(a) of the Act, read together with section 4 of the Act, and after due consideration and in consultation with the Professional Board: Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture and Unani-Tibb (PBACMU); the Professional Board: Chiropractic and Osteopathy (PBCO); and the Professional Board: Homeopathy, Naturopathy and Phytotherapy (PBHNP), resolved that any practitioner registered in any one of these professions must advise any patient or potential patient that : -

- The Food and Drug Administrations (FDA) approval for thermography is conditional only on it being used in conjunction with mammography;
- Thermography is not a substitute for mammography; and
- Screening mammography is the 'gold standard' for the detection of early breast cancer.

and no practitioner in any one of the above-mentioned professions shall denigrate mammography in any manner whatsoever.



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