

**BOARD NOTICE 58 OF 2018****ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (AHPCSA)****ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT (ACT No. 63 of 1982) AS AMENDED**

INQUIRY BY THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTIC AND OSTEOPATHY (PBCO)  
 INTO THE UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT<sup>1</sup> OF A REGISTERED PRACTITIONER, IN  
 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 23 AND 24 OF THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 63  
 OF 1982, AS AMENDED ("the Act").

Particulars of the practitioner following the outcome of the inquiry by the PBCO to charges relating to unprofessional conduct and which finding was ratified by the council, are published for general information:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>NATURE OF CONDUCT/OFFENCE</u></b>	<b><u>PENALTY IMPOSED</u></b>
<u>Dr. S. R. LEWIS</u>	<p>PRACTITIONER WAS CHARGED AND PLEADED GUILTY TO THE FOLLOWING CHARGES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Practitioner performed a dry needling technique without obtaining the required consent from his patient;</li> <li>2. Practitioner did not take all reasonable steps to obtain the required informed consent from his patient;</li> <li>3. Practitioner failed to allow his patient to participate in the decision making of the treatment/s;</li> <li>4. Practitioner contravened the basic principles of medical ethics in that he did not act in the best interest of his patient and as a result caused her harm;</li> <li>5. Practitioner engaged with patient's mother, over social networks and emails, in an aggressive and threatening manner, in contravention of the the Code of Ethics in terms of Section 54(9) of the Regulations No. R.127 of 12 February 2001 to the Allied Health Professions Act, Act 63 of 1982, as mended (the Code of Ethics"); and</li> <li>6. Practitioner disregarded his duties as a practitioner, as he permitted the patient's mother to sign the consent form on behalf of her daughter, despite the patient being an adult female.</li> </ol>	<p>Suspension for 14 days (two weeks) in terms of sections 24 (1)(b) and 26 of the Act;</p> <p>And</p> <p>A final warning and reprimand in terms of section 24 (1)(a) of the Act</p>

<sup>1</sup> As defined in section 1 of the Allied Health Professions Act 63 of 1982, as amended.

	<p>THE PBCO ACCEPTED THE PLEA OF GUILTY.</p> <p>PBCO RECOMMENDED THAT:</p> <p>THE PRACTITIONER BE SUSPENDED FOR 14 DAYS (TWO WEEKS) FROM PRACTICING THE PROFESSION FOR WHICH HE IS REGISTERED OR FROM PERFORMING ANY ACT SPECIALLY PERTAINING TO THE PROFESSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A FINAL WARNING AND REPRIMAND.</p> <p>THE COUNCIL UPHELD THE PBCO'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS.</p>	
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