

Edenvale Regional Hospital

Presenter	Dr Blesset Nkambule (MP0691100)
Topic	<i>Hot Topics: Ink, integrity and investigations_</i> <i>Navigating the intersection of medicine, law and technology</i>
Date	19 April 2026
Duration	08:40 – 09:40 (60 minutes)
Venue	In- person
Audience	General Practitioners
Pre-session Learning	None
Brief	❖ Recent developments in the Madlanga Commission; a fact-finding Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference, and Corruption in the Criminal Justice system, has highlighted an uncomfortable intersection of medicine and the law with regards medical certificates and prescription for medication. In one incident an understandably frustrated commission faced with, yet another medical certificate issued on behalf of a witness, immediately halted proceedings for the day resulting in an adjournment but not without a preceding scathing review on how illegible and vague the said medical certificate was. In other witness testimony, deliberations and questions arose as to how they had sourced their Ozempic prescription which lead to a consensus for that particular prescription to be included in the evidence. Both scenarios could lead to the conduct of the medical practitioners who authored the medical certificate and prescription being scrutinised further either by being subpoenaed to appear before the commission or being reported to the HPCSA. ❖ A trend gaining traction in medicolegal matters is patients using AI tools to draft complaints and challenge healthcare management plans. How do we respond to these as practitioners without jeopardising the doctor-patient relationship? This case-based presentation will explore from a medicolegal perspective: 1. The common pitfalls and best practices for medical certificates 2. Careful prescribing with a particular focus on off-label prescribing; realities, risks and safeguards 3. The rise of digital complaints, handling AI -driven scrutiny and



Speaker Bio

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	mitigating risk To equip the audience with the knowledge and expertise to navigate these issues with awareness and confidence, ensuring that they provide exceptional care while minimizing medicolegal risks.
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Dr. Blesset Nkambule is a multifaceted medical professional with a distinguished career spanning various fields. She began her journey by earning her medical degree from the University of Pretoria, followed by extensive experience in South Africa's Public Healthcare Sector.

Driven by a passion for medical law, Dr. Nkambule pursued a Bachelor of Law Degree from UNISA. She further expanded her expertise by acquiring a Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health from Wits University, becoming a registered Occupational Medical Practitioner. She provides contractual services to both public and private sectors.

Venturing into clinical research, Dr. Nkambule serves as a Principal Investigator in the private sector. Her pursuit of excellence led her to earn an MBA from UNISA's School of Business Leadership, enhancing her strategic leadership and corporate governance acumen.

Currently, Dr. Nkambule holds the position of Medicolegal Consultant at Medical Protection, where she utilizes her comprehensive knowledge and skills to make a positive impact.