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PROTECTING THE PUBLIC THROUGH REGULATED EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

**NURSING COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA**  
(Established in terms of the Nursing Act, 8 of 2004)

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

**1 APRIL 2021**

**MISTREATMENT OF A PATIENT AT OSHAKATI INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL**

1. The Nursing Council of Namibia, "the Council", is established in terms of the Nursing Act 8 of 2004. In terms thereof, the Council is the body empowered, amongst others, to register, regulate and set the professional standards of the practise of nursing and midwifery professions. The ultimate aim of the Council is to protect the public against unprofessional conduct of the nurses and midwives/accoucheurs.
2. The Council has learned with a great displeasure the contents of the recorded video clip circulating on media social pages of the two nurses and a person in full personal protective gears attending to a patient at the Oshakati Intermediate Hospital and one of the nurses slapping that patient.
3. The nurses are expected to uphold the professional standard of care when managing and treating patients, and such must be done with respect aimed at upholding the rights and dignity of patients. The conduct of nurses in the video clip falls below the expected professional standard.
4. In terms of the Nursing Act and regulations promulgated thereunder, the Council is empowered to take appropriate action against any registered /enrolled nurse or midwife/ accoucheur who contravene the codes of conduct set by the law. The Council will investigate the conduct of the practitioners concerned and take appropriate action in line with due processes.
5. In the same breath, the Council wishes to advise all nurses and midwife/ accoucheurs to act professionally at all times and render the required assistance to patients in a dignified manner.

  
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**REGISTRAR: NURSING COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA**

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