



**PRESS STATEMENT**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The Health Professions Council of Zambia has confirmed receipt of a complaint from the public on the alleged violation of patients' right to privacy and confidentiality who were attending Anti-Retro Viral Treatment (ART) session conducted by Mr. Mwansa Chalwe, Clinical Officer General holder of license number HPCZ 10/2/14/06491 working at Nansenga Clinic in Itezhi-tezi, Central Province.

It is alleged that Mr. Mwansa Chalwe, posted pictures of clients (Patients) during an ART session on his Facebook page which violated their privacy and confidentiality. The alleged action by the Clinical Officer General was unethical and a professional misconduct.

Mr. Chalwe has since been served with a letter of suspension of his practicing license while HPCZ conducts further investigations into the matter.

To this effect, Mr. Chalwe will not be allowed to attend to patients and is not permitted to perform any duty at any health facility until the matter is determined.

The Health Professions Council of Zambia has also written to both the Provincial and District Health Offices in Central Province informing them of this decision.

Health Practitioners must desist from capturing and sharing pictures of patients during work sessions and are reminded to uphold the professional code of conduct.

**Signed & issued**  
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