

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

PRESS RELEASE

PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST PHARMACEUTICAL PRACTITIONERS FOR PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board, through its Enquiries and Disciplinary Committee (EDC) chaired by Dr. Richard Muthoka, has suspended and revoked the licenses of several pharmaceutical practitioners following investigations into complaints of professional misconduct.

One of the complaints involved Malibu Pharmacy, where a pharmacist authorized the delivery medication by a rider with an external label bearing a complainant's full name, phone number, house name, and diagnosis. Additionally, the package contained an insurance form with wrong diagnosis and improperly coded, exposing the patient's sensitive information. Upon hearing the complaint, the committee concluded that this was a breach of professional conduct and recommended the suspension of Dr. Nancy Wangu Kaguri's license, the superintendent of the pharmacy, for six months.

Another case involved a pharmaceutical technologist, Lovi Lovince Manono, who was found to have engaged in fraudulent activities by entering into an agreement with a non-professional in order to set up a pharmacy using his credentials and later transferring control to the unqualified person. The committee determined that Manono's actions amounted to professional misconduct, leading to the revocation of his license and a five-year suspension from pharmacy practice.

In a separate complaint, Dr. Charles Mukabi Waweru, a pharmacist, failed to properly close a pharmacy in Matasia, Kajiado County, by not notifying the Board of the closure and leaving the premises open without a registered

pharmacist or pharmaceutical technologist. The committee found that this put

public health at risk and recommended a suspension of Dr. Waweru's license for

three months.

In another case, Emmanuel Odhiambo Gwassi was found to have operated a

pharmacy in an unregistered premise and allowed it to function without a

registered pharmacist or pharmaceutical technologist. The committee deemed

this conduct as highly irresponsible, leading to the revocation of Gwassi's

pharmaceutical representative license for five years.

Lastly, the committee issued an admonishment letter to Caroline Wachera, a

pharmaceutical technologist, who was accused of failing to properly close a

pharmacy by not notifying the Board. However, it was found that Wachera had

relinquished her business partnership and made efforts to comply with

regulations, resulting in the committee pardoning her.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board reiterates its commitment to maintaining the

highest standards in the pharmaceutical profession to ensure public safety and

upholding the integrity of the profession.

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