



## Press Release

### Determinations of Disciplinary Cases by the Medical Council of Malawi - July 2025

Section 53(1) (a) and (b) of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act empowers the Medical Council of Malawi (MCM) to publish the results of disciplinary proceedings. Accordingly, the Council wishes to notify the public of the determinations made in the following cases.

Out of the 14 cases heard, 10 originated from public health facilities, 1 from a CHAM facility, and 3 from private health facilities. The cases involved a range of healthcare professionals: 4 medical doctors, 5 clinical officers, 1 clinical associate, 2 medical assistants and 2 anesthetic clinical technicians.

Of the 14 cases, 13 resulted in guilty verdicts, and 1 in not-guilty verdict.

This press release serves to communicate the Council's determinations in cases where the findings have implications on professional practice.

No	Name and qualification of Practitioner	Hospital involved	Issue	Verdict	Board Recommendations and Penalties
1	Mr. Adam Kande. Clinical Officer.	Happy Faces Private Clinic.	Disgraceful conduct by employing unlicensed practitioners for private practice.	Guilty	1.Final written warning, if the offense is repeated, the clinic will be closed. 2.A fine and payment of 100% of the investigation costs.
2	Mr Ganizani	Happy Faces	Disgraceful conduct for	Guilty	1.Fine.

	Matola, Medical Assistant.	Private Clinic.	practicing without a private practice license.		2. A written warning. 3. Conduct a CPD on Ethics and Professionalism. 4. Report case to Anti-Corruption Bureau and Labour office for further investigation
3	Mr. Ronald F. Tauro, Medical Assistant.	Happy Faces Private Clinic.	Disgraceful conduct for: 1. Issuing false medical reports. 2. Practicing without a private practice license.	Guilty	1. Written warning. 2. Conduct a CPD on Ethics and Professionalism. 3. Fine for practicing without a private practice license. 4. Pay part of the investigation cost. 5. Report case to Anti-Corruption Bureau and Labour office for further investigation
4	Mr. Wongani Zgambo, Clinical Associate.	Mzimba District Hospital.	Negligence and disgraceful conduct for omission of care and poor documentation.	Guilty	1. A written warning. 2. Conduct a CPD session.
5	Mr. Henderson Kachilika, Anaesthetic Clinical Technician.	Mzimba District Hospital.	Negligence, incompetence and disgraceful conduct by providing anaesthesia to a patient against the standard operating procedure potentially contributing to death.	Guilty	1. A written warning. 2. Presentation of a CPD session. 3. Mandatory re-orientation for six months to twelve months at a Central Hospital. He must be re-assessed by an anesthesiologist before being allowed to return to work independently.
6	The Office of the District Medical Officer.	Mzimba District Hospital.	Institutional negligence and disgraceful conduct for failing to exercise proper oversight potentially contributing to patient death.	Guilty	1. A written warning. 2. The office of the DMO to pay 50% of the investigation costs.
7	The Office of the	Mzimba District	Institutional negligence and	Guilty	1. A written warning.

	Director of Health Services	Hospital.	disgraceful conduct for failing to exercise proper oversight potentially contributing to patient death.		2. The office of the DHS to pay 50% of the investigation costs.
8	Mr. Emmanuel Chirambo, Clinical Officer.	Mzimba District Hospital.	Negligence and unprofessional conduct, failed to appropriately manage a patient by not conducting adequate patient assessment prior to performing an operation.	Guilty	1.A written warning. 2.A CPD Presentation.
9	Mr. Henderson Kachilika, Anaesthetic Clinical Technician.	Mzimba District Hospital.	Negligence and disgraceful conduct for 1. Providing anaesthesia to a patient without following the standard operating procedures. 2. Failing to follow the standard operating procedures in managing the patient potentially contributing to her death.	Guilty	1. A written warning. 2.A CPD Presentation. 3. Mandatory re-orientation for six months to twelve months at a Central Hospital. He must be re-assessed by an anaesthesiologist before being allowed to return to work independently. NB: The two penalties shall run concurrently.

10	The Office of the District Medical Officer	Mzimba District Hospital.	Institutional negligence for 1.Failing to exercise adequate oversight over the practitioners involved in the treatment of a patient. 2.Delayed patient referral. 3.Inadequate oversight by failing to ensure those on duty available to work.	Guilty	1.A written warning. 2.The hospital is fined 50% of the investigation costs. 3. Hospital management must develop strategies to ensure available practitioners carry out their duties as per the roster. 4.The Ministry of Health should establish an oxygen plant in the northern region to supply oxygen in all facilities in the region.
11	The Office of the Director of Health Services.	Mzimba District Hospital.	Institutional negligence for 1.Delayed patient referral. 2.Inadequate oversight by failing to ensure those on duty available to work.	Guilty	1.A written warning. 2. Should pay 50% of the investigation costs. 3. Improve management of the available human resources. 4. The Ministry of Health should establish an oxygen plant in the northern region to supply oxygen in all facilities in the region.
12	Ms. Faith Nsonga, Clinical Officer.	Thyolo District Hospital.	Unprofessional conduct for failing to document patient notes.	Guilty	1.A written warning. 2. CPD presentation on documentation and the management of shoulder dystocia.
13	Ms. Kettie Tembo, Intern Clinical Officer.	Thyolo District Hospital.	Unprofessional conduct for failing to document patient notes.	Guilty	1.A written warning. 2.CPD presentation on documentation and management of shoulder dystocia.



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