



Media Release

Determinations of Disciplinary Cases by the Medical Council of Malawi - March 2026

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 MCM wishes to notify the public of the determinations made in the following cases.

Out of the 20 cases heard and concluded in March 2026, 12 originated from public health facilities, 1 from a CHAM facility, and 7 from private health facilities. 3 cases were postponed. The cases involved a range of healthcare professionals, including 3 specialists (Obstetrics and Gynaecologist, Ophthalmologist, and Radiologist), 4 medical practitioners, 4 clinical officers, 1 orthopaedic clinical officer, 1 medical assistant, 5 medical/hospital directors, and 2 non-registered individuals.

Of the 20 cases, 13 resulted in guilty verdicts, 5 in non-guilty verdicts, and 2 were referred to the Police to be addressed as entirely criminal cases. This press release serves to communicate the Council's determinations in the 13 cases where the findings have implications on medical, dental and allied health practice.

No	Name and registration of Practitioner	Hospital Involved	Issue	Verdict	Board Recommendations and Penalties
1	Mr. Iso Ken, Clinical Officer	Dowa District Hospital	Forged internship reports to fraudulently obtain registration as a clinical officer, coupled with demonstrated professional incompetence.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Deregistration of Mr Ken as a Clinical Officer for a period of four (4) years, effective immediately.2. Repeat internship training for a period of 18 months at a central hospital.3. Fine of 100% of the investigation costs.4. The MCM to strengthen verification processes requiring internship reports to be submitted directly by internship sites, not individuals.5. Referred to the Malawi Police Service for criminal prosecution and to the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

2	Mr. McDudley Mlozoa (Orthopedic Clinical Officer)	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital	Conducted a postmortem beyond the permitted scope of practice and in a manner falling below the acceptable professional standards	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fine. 2. Prepare and present a CPD on scope of practice and lessons learnt. 3. Written warning. 4. The MCM declares the postmortem report invalid, as it does not represent the standards of the medical profession; consequently, it shall not be used for legal purposes.
3	The Office of the Hospital Director	Nkhamenya Mission Hospital	Committed disgraceful conduct arising from inadequate human resource management.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Address human resources and infrastructure challenges within six months.
4	Mr Austin Kholongo (Clinical Officer)	Machinga District Hospital	Operated M'mbimbe Private Clinic at Nthondo without registration and forged a private practice premises license.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closure of the clinic. 2. Fine for operating an unregistered health facility.
5	Dr Fanuel Ndanga (Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology)	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital	Failed to appropriately manage postpartum hemorrhage, which was determined to have contributed to the patient's death, alongside other identified factors.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Prepare and present a CPD on lessons learnt. 3. Imposing additional penalties would be unfair, as Dr Ndanga was not solely responsible. Systemic issues, and the guardian's contribution played a significant role in the outcome. 4. Referred to the Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi to investigate the nurse guardian.

6	Dr. Thokozani Kaliati (Obstetrics and Gynaecology Specialist)	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital	Failed to appropriately manage a case of postpartum haemorrhage, which was determined to have contributed to the patient's death, alongside other identified factors.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Prepare and present a CPD on lessons learnt. 3. Payment of 30% of the investigation costs. 4. Imposing additional penalties would be unfair, as Dr Kaliati was not fully responsible. Systemic failures, and the actions of the nurse guardian significantly contributed.
7	The Office of the Director General	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital	Institutional negligence, incompetence, and disgraceful conduct in patient management which were determined to have contributed to the patient's death, alongside other identified factors.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning to the Office of the Director. 2. Pay 50% of the investigation costs. 3. Address human resources and infrastructure challenges 4. The Malawi Blood Transfusion Service to improve the availability of blood products.
8	Mr. Peter Thom (Medical Assistant)	LION Hospital	Failed to notify the MCM that he had ceased involvement with M'mbimbe Private Clinic after changing his career and discontinuing his association with the facility.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Fine. 3. Prepare and present a CPD on ethics and professionalism.
9	The Director of CMED Clinic	CMED Clinic	Erroneously issuing CT scan results not authored by a specialist radiologist raising concerns regarding institutional oversight and accountability.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Fine. 3. Develop and implement a system to ensure that all radiology reports are duly signed by authorized radiologists. 4. Strengthen its internal processes to prevent recurrence of such errors. The MCM shall inspect to verify compliance.

10	Dr Benard Mwausegha, Medical Practitioner	Katoto MASM Med Clinic	Failure to diagnose and manage partial bowel obstruction timely. Failed to document findings against the required standards of care.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare and present a CPD session. 2. Katoto MASM Medical Clinic to ensure the availability of essential medicines and medical resources. 3. Two months clinical orientation at Mzuzu Central Hospital. 4. Mzuzu Central Hospital and the Katoto MASM Medical Clinic shall appear before the Disciplinary Committee in April 2026.
11	Dr Willard Gandali, Medical Practitioner	Katoto MASM Med Clinic	Practicing without a private practice license.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Pay 30% of the investigation cost.
12	Dr Daniel Kaonga, Intern Medical Practitioner	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital	Administered morphine without consulting seniors, leading to an overdose resulting in severe complications in a patient.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning 2. Referral for counselling services 3. Practitioners are reminded of the importance of documenting patients' or guardians' refusal of tests or care, as failure to do so can significantly affect case outcomes, as demonstrated in the index case.

13	The Office of the Director General	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital	Inadequate clinical oversight and service delivery, and orthopaedic practitioners not available at night in the paediatrics section.	Guilty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written warning. 2. Immediately ensure that orthopaedic services are available at all times. 3. Interns must not be used to cover human resource gaps and must work under the supervision of qualified practitioners at all times. 4. Standard Operating Procedures for morphine dilution and administration shall be clearly displayed and adhered to. 5. Access to Dangerous Drugs and Poisons shall be strictly controlled. 6. Pay 50% of the investigation costs.
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