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Dear Professor Ratele

ISSUING OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATES BY PSYCHOLOGISTS

With reference to the discussion with the office of the Psychological Society of South Africa, I wish to confirm that it is permissible for Psychologists to admit and discharge patients to hospitals and to issue certificates of illness (sick certificates) for the specific psychological conditions for which the patients are treated.

However, this will not apply to Research Psychologists, since it is not permissible for Research Psychologists to render clinical, diagnostic and/or psychotherapeutic counselling services. It is also not permissible for Industrial Psychologists to admit anyone to a hospital and is usually not permissible for Educational Psychologists to admit an adult to hospital.

It is not permissible for psychologists to prescribe medication.

Yours faithfully



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