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### **YOUNG DOCTOR DIES IN CAR ACCIDENT**

The MEC for Health Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni, Head of Department Dr. Busi Nyembezi and the Senior Management have learnt with shock and great sadness about the tragic death of a medical doctor from Tayler Bequest hospital in Matitiele, this morning.

The 29 year-old doctor, whose identity cannot be revealed until her next-of-kin have been informed, was killed when the car in which she and her colleague, Dr. Zola Biyela (49) were traveling in overturned on the N2 north next to the Park Rynie off-ramp. The two doctors were on their way to Durban to attend a training course.

Dr. Biyela, a Senior Medical Officer and the driver of the vehicle Mr. Eric Radebe are in a critical condition at St. Augustine's hospital in Durban.

The MEC for Health, Mrs. Nkonyeni sends her heartfelt and deepest condolences to the family of the deceased and wished Dr. Biyela and Mr. Radebe a speedy recovery, "It is a real loss to the department especially for people who have dedicated their services in our rural facilities. It will take us a long time to fill the gap that has been opened by the sudden death of this young doctor. Our prayers are with her colleagues who are still receiving treatment at St. Augustine's hospital. May their families find strength to heal through this difficult and trying moment," says the MEC.

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