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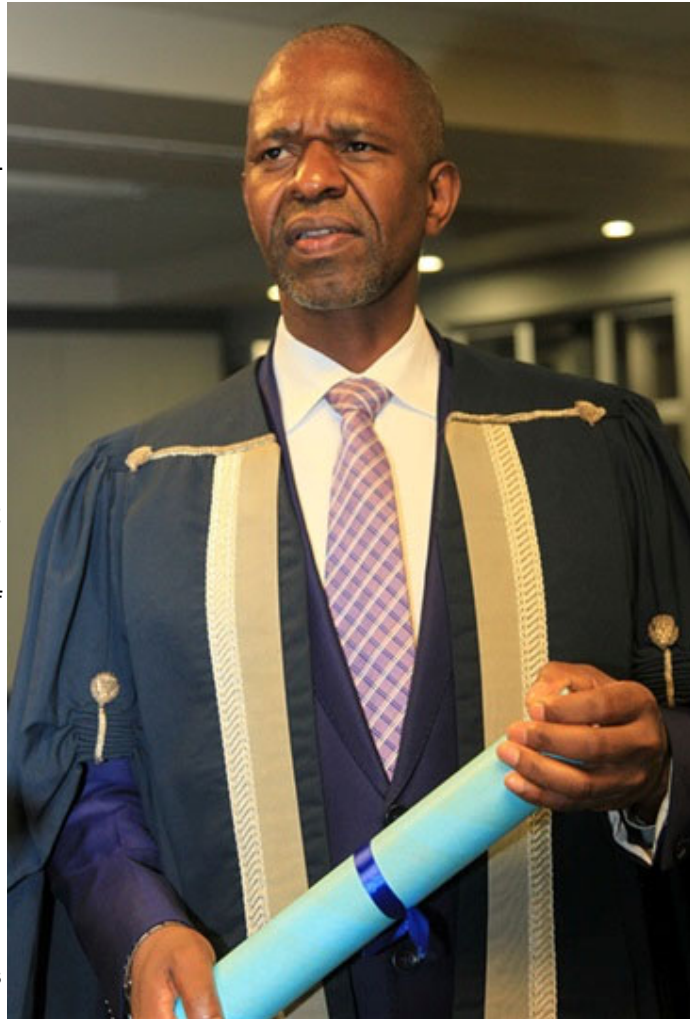
Statement on KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo's latest graduation in Forensic Pathology

KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has been congratulated by his family and peers as he graduated with a Diploma in Forensic Pathology from the College of Medicine of South Africa. Graduates from different medical disciplines converged at the Grenridge Church Hall in Durban on Thursday evening [October 22] where they were welcomed and presented their dues by the College's President, Prof Gerhard Lindeque.

Speaking after the Graduation Ceremony, MEC Dhlomo said this Diploma now enables him to conduct and participate in post mortems without any supervision. He also indicated that it comes handy for him to assist in cases where there is a shortage of staff or instances where families require an immediate post mortem so as to transport the remains of their loved ones.

Explaining the choice to pursue this qualification, Dr Dhlomo says he wants to bring forth sympathy, dignity and understanding to this often neglected profession.

'In most instances we fail to recognise and appreciate the anguish being experienced by a family of an accident victim. It being a sudden death requires of us to give compassionate support to those coming in to identify their member as he or she may not be in a good looking state; says Dhlomo.



This latest Diploma adds to Dr Dhlomo's slew of illustrious qualifications as he now possesses the following:

- MBCHB from the University of Natal
- DTM & H [Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene] from Wits University
- Diploma in Project Management from Damelin College
- Diploma in HIV Management from College of Medicines SA
- Diploma in Palliative Care from UCT
- MPH [Masters in Public Health] from Medunsa
- Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management from the University of KwaZulu Natal, and now the

- Diploma in Forensic Pathology from College of Medicine of South Africa

Dhlomo thanked his family for understanding and support, saying: "I'm excited about this graduation, and would like to thank my family for all the support they have given me. I believe that the quest for education and personal betterment and development is a life-long one. It is not easy, but with determination and commitment, anyone can do it."