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BOGUS DOCTOR NABBED TRYING TO SOLICIT A BRIBE AT CHRIS HANI BARAGWANATH ACADEMIC HOSPITAL

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) would like to warn the public not to fall prey to bogus healthcare practitioners who try to solicit bribes before 'allegedly' offering their so-called services.

The warning comes after a person impersonating a medical doctor was nabbed at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH) on Sunday (25 February) night after they demanded that an escort to a patient pay R700 for the 'Dr' to assist the patient.

The member of the public became suspicious when the bogus doctor who was wearing green scrubs with the name Dr Zulu imprinted on the uniform, advised her to meet at the pedestrian gate where the said payment was to be made. The escort notified the security personnel who eventually apprehended the bogus doctor at the hospital's pedestrian gate.

When asked to produce her Health Professional Council of South Africa (HPCSA) registration number and a persal number by the security and facility management, the bogus doctor was unable to do so.

The CHBAH team has since opened a case at Diepkloof police station. The bogus doctor spent a night in custody and was due to appear at the Orlando Magistrate Court this afternoon.

The GDoH urges the public to be vigilant by not falling for such scams. The healthcare workers in the facilities will never ask members of the public to pay them directly. If there are any fees payable in the hospital, this will be done at patient administration and an invoice will be issued to indicate exactly what the patient is paying for.

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