

The Council Of The Pharmaceutical Society Of Uganda

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Your Ref:

Date:

27th February 2024

The Secretary to the Authority, National Drug Authority Box 23096 Kampala

Dear Sir,

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE CLOSURE AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE ISSUED TO NOVAMED INTERNATIONAL LIMITED NDA/PRE/WHP/9519

The above subject matter refers.

Contrary to the Pharmacy and Drugs Act and the National Drug Policy and Authority Act, Pharmacist Mayi Mayega Nanyonga (Reg number 1238) working with Texas Global Hope program as pediatric Hematology and oncology pharmacist, is a virtual pharmacist in Uganda, being currently in the United States of America, who after acting on her own and working with pharmacy owners secretly removed the existing license of her pharmacist colleague from the premises, returned it to NDA and made an application to vary the license on 16th January 2024. There is no evidence of revocation of directorship of Dr Mary Gorret Atim, the only Pharmacist director in the company as filed at URSB and has raised complaints at PSU of the disappearance of her licenses issued in her names and non-payment of not only her professional fees but also statutory taxes of NSSF, PAYEE, unpaid leave, as her emails to the company directors are unanswered upto date, among other claims.

Sadly, we have further established that pharmacist Mayi Mayega Nanyonga has handed over Ndamis login credentials to management of NOVAMED and left for the US without knowledge of PSU and NDA thus the said pharmacy has no named pharmacist who is active member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda as required.

We have established that latest importation of drugs was done by the Italian and Ugandan non-pharmacist directors in which Albumin was imported. This is not only unlawful but also unethical and is subject to further investigation and action.

The same pharmacist applied for renewal of license for another pharmacy in Masaka. This should be halted. The council of PSU through its ethics committee and subsequently disciplinary committee of the pharmacy board will investigate this matter further.

We look forward to your swift action in this matter as far as pharmacy closure and revocation of pharmacy license issued to Novamed is concerned and the application made to renew a license for another pharmacy based in Masaka.

By copy of this letter, all members of PSU are encouraged to ensure professional hand over whenever there is change of pharmacist at their practice setting. Please refer to the guidance issued in this respect and the code of conduct for pharmacists in Uganda.

The Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) is also notified to follow up on tax compliance issues at NOVAMED International Limited.

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Per medicatum servium

(With medicines We serve),

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