

MINISTRY OF HEALTH STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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CLOSURE OF OMINCARE MEDICAL LIMITED FOLLOWING MALPRACTICE FINDINGS IN PLASTIC SURGERY CASE

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Following a tragic incident that led to the death of Ms. Lucy Wambui who passed away after a plastic surgery procedure at Ominicare Medical Limited, operating as "Body by Design" in Nairobi, the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) conducted a comprehensive investigation into the facility's practices and standards. The findings revealed serious non-compliance with medical institution regulations, specifically under Sections 4 and 15 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Cap 253).

The inspection found that the facility was operating below the required medical standards, failing to meet patient safety regulations crucial for protecting the health and well-being of patients. In response, KMPDC has ordered the immediate closure of the facility to ensure public safety until all necessary corrective actions are implemented to guarantee compliance with patient safety standards.

Additionally, a thorough investigation is ongoing regarding the institution and the staff involved in Ms. Lucy's treatment. The Council is examining the extent of culpability and determining the appropriate actions to ensure accountability and prevent future incidents of malpractice.

The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards through KMDC remains committed to upholding the highest standards of healthcare across Kenya and will continue to monitor compliance to protect the public. Updates on the investigation will be provided as more information becomes availables.

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