

MODULE 4

LEGAL, ETHICS AND PRACTICE SETUP



3 Ethics CEUs • ON-DEMAND • SELF-PACED • OPEN TO MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

Clinical excellence keeps patients safe. Compliance keeps your practice alive. This module gives you the **essential legal, ethical and compliance knowledge to establish and run a private practice in South Africa** without unnecessary complexity. One HPCSA complaint, POPIA breach or hastily signed contract can undermine years of good work. This module will help you recognise and manage these risks.



HPCSA Requirements & Professional Obligations

Understand the requirements relating to registration, renewal, CPD, scope of practice and permissible practice structures, as well as the consequences of non-compliance.



POPIA & Patient Information Management

Your duties as the responsible party, patient rights, lawful processing and consent, and how to recognise and respond to a data breach.



Contracts, Consent & Risk Management

Understand the essentials of valid contracts and informed consent, identify agreements that require particular caution and learn the fundamentals of managing medico-legal risk.



AI Ethics & Responsible Digital Practice

Distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate AI use, understand the risks associated with informal channels such as WhatsApp and maintain professional boundaries in digital environments.



Cybersecurity & Digital Risk Protection

Recognise common threats to patient data and practice systems, implement essential protections and develop a simple incident-response approach.



By the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Build a basic HPCSA compliance checklist for your practice.
- Handle patient information lawfully and respond appropriately to a data breach.
- Review a consent process and a patient agreement for gaps and risks.
- Set clear guidelines for digital communication and AI use, and identify your key cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

Who it's for: New and early-stage private practitioners establishing a practice and established practice owners seeking to confirm that their compliance foundations are sound.

Members – R800 • Non-members – R1 050

How it works: Watch the pre-recorded presentations, complete the practical activities and then pass a short, auto-marked online assessment (20 multiple-choice questions, with a pass mark of 80%) to earn 3 Ethics CEUs. The module is practical and aligned with HPCSA requirements throughout.

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