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Dear Prof Muthwa

PASSING OF PROF LUNGILE PEPETA

The Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA) has learned with great shock and sadness of the passing away of Prof Lungile Pepeta who was the executive dean of the Nelson Mandela University (NMU)'s faculty of health sciences.

Prof Pepeta worked closely with the CMSA as the South African Committee of Medical Deans' (SACOMD) representative, and as a member of the council of the College of Paediatrics of South Africa, serving with distinction as an examiner and a moderator, while mentoring many young paediatricians and paediatric sub-specialists in training. He was well-respected and a giant of our medical fraternity. He was known for his passion for serving the most marginalised of our society through his chosen specialty of Paediatric Cardiology.

Prof Pepeta worked tirelessly in ensuring that the children of the Eastern Cape Province had access to quality health care. With his cheerful and calm personality, he was a health warrior and a champion for rural communities, and he was committed to social justice. It is rare in life to work with people who are consummate professionals, but most of all who have heart, Prof Pepeta had both. He led a life of telling truth to power, and committed himself to servant leadership. He leaves a great void.

His towering legacy will not only be in his academic excellence and the tireless work he did for our country and continent, but it will be in each heart that he touched with his kindness and generosity. He will be sadly missed by the whole CMSA family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire NMU family, Pepeta family and friends at this difficult time. We mourn with you as we bid a great son of the soil farewell — our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Yours Sincerely

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