

## **Media statement**

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### **DENOSA urges tighter controls against illegal schools during initiation season**

With the initiation season around the corner, Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (DENOSA) would like to urge traditional leadership and authorities around the country to be on the lookout and curb the mushrooming illegal initiation school operators whose main aim is to make money at the expense innocent lives by this time of the year.

Already, the deaths of 27 initiates in Mpumalanga and 6 initiates in Limpopo are difficult to tolerate, mainly as a result of illegal initiation schools. DENOSA urges all stakeholders to put the lives of the young boys first, and deal decisively with the increasing malpractice.

As the country is faced with great demand for health care in our facilities, allowing these malpractices to flourish will place a further strain on the already long queues in our under-resourced health facilities.

DENOSA would like to urge authorities from all corners of our provinces to safeguard the health of the youths that go through the practice by rooting out any illegal schools, as these have proved to be dangers.

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