

VOLUNTARY REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM REGISTER OF SPECIALIST

The Medical Council has received a number of requests from very senior Specialists colleagues who because of advanced age would voluntarily wish to have their names removed from the Register of Specialists. They have instead requested Council to keep their names in the Register of General Practitioners. This will entitled them to function only as General Practitioners.

Council has decided that voluntary removal of the name of a medical practitioner from the Register of Specialists would be allowed. Such removals, however, would be considered on a case to case basis and upon an application to this effect made to the Medical Council. The name of such practitioner will then appear only in the Register of General Practitioners.

In this context, Council would wish to draw attention of practitioners to the provision of section 38 of the Medical Council Act which is reproduced here under:

Illegal practice as specialists

- 1) *No person shall-*
 - a) *Take or use any title implying that he is a specialist; or*
 - b) *Practice as, or profess to be, a specialist, unless he is registered as a specialist*
- 2) *Any person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.*