

FORENSIC PATHOLOGY OFFICERS IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The PHSDSBC will be negotiating to resolve the current impasse affecting the Forensic Pathology Officers (FPOs) who have expressed their dissatisfaction about performing functions which fall outside the scope of their practice, namely: dissecting bodies, removing organs, replacing organs, stitching open bodies and preparing organs for investigation by the Pathologists.

The FPOs raised complaints that they have not been remunerated for these extra functions and ceased performing these extra tasks, which they perceive to be outside their scope of work, as a result the morgue services are under immense pressure and service delivery is being compromised.

The PHSDSBC is likely to conclude a collective agreement that will bring an end to the current impasse and ensure that these workers continue to assist with morgue duties, under prescribed conditions.