



MEDIA RESPONSE RETRACTION FOR SPOTLIGHTNSP

SAHPRA retracts previous comments on monkeypox vaccine

Pretoria, 04 July 2022 – SAHPRA wishes to correct comments made in response to a Spotlight NSP media query on the availability of a vaccine for the prevention or treatment of monkeypox.

Updated statement: Smallpox vaccines have been shown to be effective in preventing monkeypox and in reducing the severity of the disease. SAHPRA confirms that there is no smallpox vaccine included in any of the combination vaccines provided in the Expanded Program on Immunisation (EPI). There are no smallpox vaccines currently registered in South Africa and SAHPRA has not received any applications for the registration of a smallpox vaccine.

We apologise for the erroneous information that was communicated.

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