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The South African Society for Clinical and Radiation Oncologists, SASCRO, is devastated and outraged at the murder on 16 September 2020 of Dr Abdulhay Munshi. We wish to extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the family, friends and loved ones of our medical colleague.

Dr Munshi, a specialist anaesthetist who worked in Johannesburg, was shot multiple times, in what reportedly appears to have been an organised assassination. He was the co-accused in a culpable homicide case following the tragic death of a child in 2019 and his killing raises suspicions that this deplorable act was related to a patient's outcome. He and his co-accused were charged at the end of 2019, following an apparent "trial by media" during which they were handcuffed, arrested and treated like criminals, without the due process of peer review having been followed.

This senseless act has serious implications for the medical community and will negatively impact health care across all disciplines for years to come. The medical community should stand together and demand justice for Dr Munshi and his family. SASCRO calls for thorough and swift action and investigation by the authorities to hold the perpetrators to account. We stand with our fellow medical societies in condemning this attack and we call on all health care workers as well as civil society to stand together against this unacceptable and heinous crime.

May Dr Abdulhay Munshi rest in peace.



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