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Bogus doctors arrested in Joburg raid.

Six bogus doctors were arrested today when the RTMC's National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit swooped on unlawful medical practices in the centre of Johannesburg.

The Unit in collaboration with the Directorate of Priority Crime Investigations, the Gauteng Traffic Police compliance unit, the SAPS tactical response unit, officers from the Health Professionals Council of South Africa and Medical Control Council and Medscheme confiscated medicines and files when they raided the Lister Medical Centre.

The raid was part of Operation Recall which seeks to deal with corrupt practices that lead to motorists obtaining public driver's permits through unlawful means.

Two radiologists were also detained after Health Professionals Council found that they were not practising without proper registration with the authority.

Among the arrested bogus doctors is one believed to have evaded arrest in Vereeniging three weeks ago. One bogus doctor is still on the run.

The doctors are expected to face charges related to fraud, the contravention of Medicine Control Act when they appear in court on Monday.

Today's arrest brings to twelve the total number of bogus arrested since the start of Operation Recall two months ago.

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An analysis conducted by the RTMC has shown that about 32 000 public driver's permits have issued through suspicious and irregular means.

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