



HEALTH-CARE POLITICS

Rumours a headache

A year-long dispute between The Headache Clinic and Discovery has led to the clinic's founder asking the medical scheme to stop an alleged smear campaign against it.

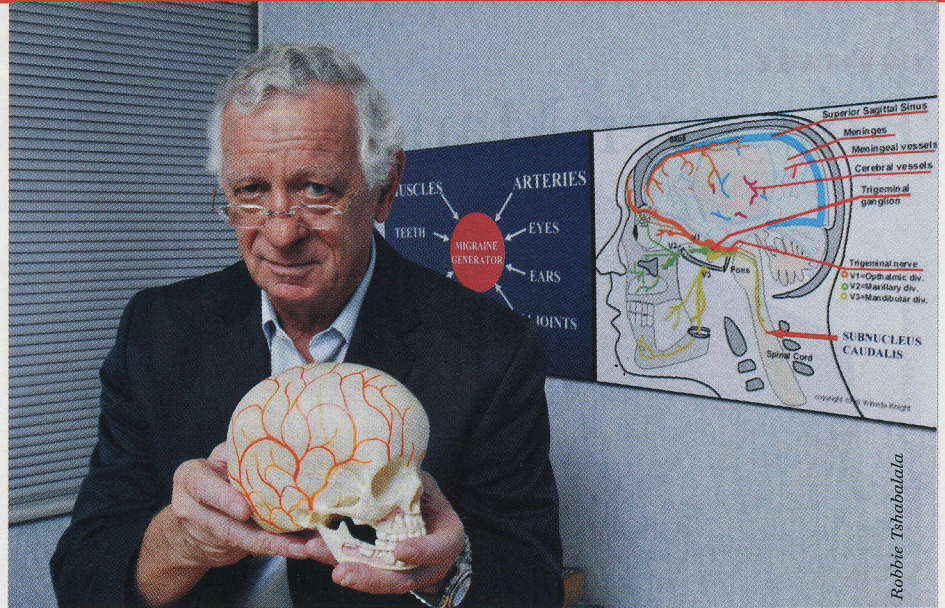
Headache Clinic founder Dr Elliott Shevel says the dispute has gone on for a while and all he wants is that Discovery desist from a "smear campaign" and "spreading rumours to discredit us".

The exact reasons for the disagreement remain vague. Discovery does not cover the cost of treatment at the clinic.

In 2001, under its then principal officer Shaun Mattison, Discovery instructed auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers to probe the clinic's records.

Headache Clinic MD Danny Shevel confirmed that the audit led to 281 charges being laid against it with the Health Professionals Council of SA.

The council confirmed the cases this week, but a spokesman was unable to provide further details.



Elliot Shevel Unhappy with Discovery

The Shevels' complaint — they are father and son — is that despite no further action being taken against them, inferences are being made that they are being investigated.

Says Danny Shevel: "For five years they [Discovery] kept telling members they wouldn't pay because Dr Shevel [senior] was under investigation. It took five years of waiting, but in the end, all charges were thrown out — in one hour. Why is

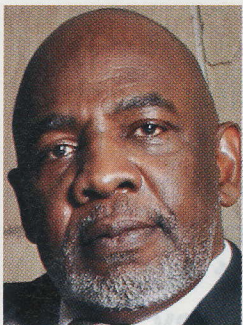
it then that, to this day, they still say Dr Shevel is under investigation?"

Discovery did not respond to requests for comment this week.

Despite the Discovery setback, Shevel's clinic has thrived during its 12 years of existence.

It has grown to three branches, and about 1 000 new patients consult the clinic in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban every year. **Shoks Mzolo**

COMINGS & GOINGS



Cheick Diarra

Has been appointed nonexecutive director to the board of mining company Harmony Gold. The Malian-born mechanical and aerospace engineer is Microsoft's chairman for African operations.



Yvette Montalbano

Has been appointed CE of the Businesswomen's Association as part of a restructuring. The former COO takes over from Angie Makwetla, who is now stakeholder relations officer reporting to the president.



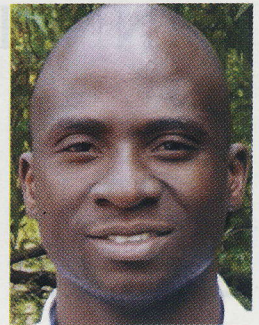
Khanya Kweyama

Has been appointed head of HR and transformation at Barloworld. The company has been criticised for lack of transformation, so she will be closely watched to see what difference, if any, she makes.



Ivan Moroke

Is new group MD of Yelowood Future Architects, the specialist marketing company. The former MD of Lowe Bull Jo'burg, he started at British American Tobacco and is highly regarded in the industry.



Lucas Raganya

The former Tiger Brands research manager has been appointed to the SA Advertising Research Foundation as a technical support executive. He has vast experience in several sectors, including industry.