It is with extreme sadness that I learnt that the ethical and bright Dr Chetty, was being charged for unprofessional conduct, after he saved over 14,000 patients with Covid with his simple protocol, for which he became internationally famous and was awarded a medal of honour by the Malaysian government for his contributions to humanity.

It is sad because, when the WHO (world health organisation) and our academics strongly urged doctors not to see patients with Covid but to send them home to isolate, and if they became breathless, they were advised to go to hospitals, Dr Chetty treated them and saved them.

It is well known that these hospitals were so full that they were turning away very ill patients to cope on their own at home, and, sadly, many of them died due to a lack of treatment.

A few who knew me, came to my rooms and I managed to save them. Due my limited resources, I could not save as many as I would have liked to because a 24 hour day was way to little for a one person practice in this terrible time of the disease, when the world's healthcare systems were

buckling under the pressure of demands for urgent healthcare.

Healthcare workers were told in 2020 that there was no treatment for covid at the outbreak of the so-called pandemic by the WHO, our academic hospitals and so-called experts.

Dr Chetty and many frontline doctors, like Dr Zelenko, Dr Jackie Stone of Zimbabwe, Dr Tros Bekker, Prof Mallick, an infectious disease specialist, and Prof Nathi Madladla, an intensive care specialist, and I did what what was expected of any doctor and that is to save lives with whatever we had at our disposal.

This right of a doctor, to use anything at his/her disposal to save lives in an emergency, is enshrined in the Helsinki declaration.

It is well known that while patients were dying in droves in hospital and we were achieving success rates of upto 100% using safe and effective medication.

Lamentably, none of the public health authorities, our government nor the HPCSA acknowledged the outstanding

work done by frontline doctors, who had a clear understanding of the disease, its pathology and its treatment.

These doctors won the accolades of the desperate public for their ethical stance to abide by their Hippocratic oath " to do no harm" and save millions of patients from dying, even though their work was shamefully ignored by mainstream media and the authorities.

The success of early treatment by these doctors exposed the myth by the WHO, our academic institutions and public health authorities that there was no treatment for covid.

This erroneous advice not to treat early defied a fundamental principle in medicine and that is: early intervention, apart from saving lives, also prevents untreatable long term debilitating complications.

It is well known that early treatment of diabetes and hypertension prevents blindness, strokes, heart attacks and kidneys failure, so the advice not to treat covid early defies all reasoning and is utterly bizarre. This principle of prevention and early intervention was drummed into every medical student for conditions like diabetes, hypertension, lung diseases and obesity, so the advice not to treat covid early came as an absolute shock to many doctors and critical thinkers in the world.

A number of prominent doctors and research papers with tons of data have been demonstrating that the policy makers on Covid got it horribly wrong in so many ways. These wrong policies ruined world's economy, led to mass unemployment, starvation, substance abuse, suicides, mental illness, and led to the loss of millions of lives.

These policies were not based on good scientific evidence but wild implausible conjecture.

This pandemic would not have been declared; we would not have had any lock downs, saved millions of small businesses from total bankruptcy and saved many millions of lives, if the advice of brave, ethical and critical thinking frontline doctors in the world, like Dr Chetty, was taken seriously.

Their simple advice was: "treat early", when the virus, which

was extremely mild, hit our shores in 2020.

I salute doctors like Dr Chetty, Dr Vosloo and Dr Stone, Dr Nathi Madladla, Prof Colleen Aldous and many great doctors in the world for risking their lives to stand up against a grossly unscientific narrative and save the lives of their patients by abiding by their Hippocratic oath.

These brave doctors have been pilloried and insulted with disdain with ugly innuendos by their captured, sheep-like colleagues but became the darlings and heroes of society.

It is the duty of every caring doctor and and citizen to spring to the defence of these brave ethical doctors, whose voices must to be heard.

If we fail to protect the few honest and ethical doctors in our profession, then healthcare will suffer irretrievably.

As a frontline doctor, who worked in the coal face in the height of the virulent delta strain, I was filled with immense joy to witness how patients with 35% oxygen made dramatic recoveries within in six weeks using a cheap, safe and effective protocol.

I have no doubt doctors like Dr Chetty and many other colleagues in India, Peru, Mexico and Brazil felt the same way as I did when they saw the amazing results their simple treatments yielded.

I sincerely hope that when Dr Chetty takes the stand to speak his truth, the HPCSA will listen, the world will stand behind the truth and justice will prevail in a world gone terribly wrong.

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