



TMB Bulletin

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TxDPS Rx Drug Monitoring Access Expanded

Passed during the 2013 legislative session, [Senate Bill 1643](#) made changes to the Texas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program administered by the Department of Public Safety.

Those changes included lengthening the amount of time records are kept from one year to three years and extending access to prescription information beyond

midlevel practitioners to registered and vocational nurses and pharmacy technicians.

The program's online system [Prescription Access in Texas \(PAT\)](#), since going live in 2012, has proven to be a valuable tool in identifying potential prescription drug abuse by providing controlled substance prescription dispensing history to authorized health care and law enforcement professionals.

Last year, it was reported that approximately 45 million records are uploaded every year, and more than 150,000 users query the system.

PAT is a faster way to access the Texas Prescription Program than the manual process that provided a report within 30-45 days. Authorized users are able to search prescription dispensing history for Schedule II - V controlled substances, 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

For more information on registering to access PAT, including tutorials and FAQs explaining how to navigate the system, visit: <https://www.texaspatx.com/login.aspx>.

If you have lost your password to access the system or you have other technical questions, DPS recommends users to call the Support Line at: (866) 683-2476 or Email: txrxreport@otech.com.

Health Information Technology (HIT) Update

The non-profit Texas Health Services Authority (THSA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 2007 as a public-private partnership to support improvement of the Texas health care system by promoting and coordinating health information exchange (HIE) and technology. When House Bill 300 was passed in 2011, it required THSA to develop privacy and security standards for electronic sharing of protected health information by covered entities. More information about THSA and the required standards are available on its website: <http://hietexas.org/resources/policy-guidance>.

House Bill 300 also required THSA to create a process by which a Texas covered entity could apply for THSA certification of compliance with state and federal privacy and security requirements. THSA is developing the certification program in partnership with the Health Information Trust Alliance (HITRUST), a Texas company specializing in helping entities understand and meet privacy and security laws, regulations, and best practices. More information about the certification program is available on the HITRUST website <http://www.hitrustalliance.net/texas>. Under HB 300, the THSA certification will be considered as a mitigating factor for state administrative or civil penalties brought against a covered entity for violation of the Texas Medical Records Privacy Act.

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Physician Disclosure of Ownership Interest and Payment for Referrals

A recent news article in the Nov. 9, 2013 issue of the Austin American-Statesman, "[Doctor-pharmacy pacts a concern](#)," highlighted the issue of physician ownership of pharmacies.

Physicians are required to disclose to patients their ownership interest in facilities outside of their medical practice, including pharmacies or other health care clinics when a physician refers a patient to such a facility. In addition to disclosing the physician's interest in the facility, in most cases, the physician should also reveal that he or she will receive direct or indirect remuneration for the referral.

There are a number of federal statutes related to this issue that apply directly to federal regulators. Additionally, there are several applicable laws falling within the authority of the Texas Medical Board.

Texas Occupations Code [Chapter 102 - Solicitation of Patients](#) imposes a broad prohibition on all types of financial remuneration for solicitation and/or referral of patients:

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly offers to pay or agrees to accept, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly any remuneration in cash or kind to or from another for securing or soliciting a patient or patronage for or from a person licensed, certified, or registered by a state health care regulatory agency.

This section of the Occupations Code is similar to the federal anti-kickback statute in that both statutes prohibit financial remuneration for patient referrals, but it is broader in its application as it is not limited to patients, services, or products paid for by federal health care programs. Section 102.001(a) prohibits both accepting and paying referral fees. This means that both parties to an improper fee referral payment violate §102.001(a) in offering and accepting payment for a referral.

Section 102.003 of the Occupations Code provides limited exceptions to §102.001's prohibitions on referral, permitting payment practices or business arrangement allowed under the safe-harbor provision of the Federal Anti-Kickback statute

In addition to the prohibition on referral fees, §102.006 of the Occupations Code requires persons receiving remuneration to disclose their affiliation with the person for whom the patient is secured or solicited.

Specifically, §102.006 requires a person who receives remuneration permitted under §102 for securing or soliciting a patient or patronage for a person licensed by a state health care agency, to disclose to the patient at the time of the initial contact:

(A) the person's affiliation, if any with the person for whom the patient is secured or solicited; and

(B) that the person will receive directly or indirectly, remuneration for securing or soliciting the patient.

A violation of this law would be grounds for possible disciplinary action by the Texas Medical Board. Violation of §102.006 is a Class A misdemeanor, although this punishment is enhanced to a third degree felony if it is shown the person convicted of the offense has previously been convicted of an offense under §102.006 or was employed by a federal, state, or local government at the time of the offense. Such criminal prosecution would be carried out by the Attorney General or the appropriate District or County Attorney.

Other applicable laws and Board rules

22 TAC 190.8(2)(H) (Texas Medical Board Rules)

Board Rule 190.8(2)(H) defines as unprofessional conduct, "referring a patient to a facility without disclosing the existence of the licensee's ownership interest in the facility to the patient." Failure to make such a disclosure would result in disciplinary action against a physician for unprofessional conduct.

Texas Occupations Code §165.155. Solicitation of Patients; Penalty

Section 165.155 of the Occupations Code, which is part of the Medical Practice Act, is very similar to §102.001. The chief difference between the two provisions is that the applicability of §165.155 is limited to physicians. Like §102.001, §165.155 prohibits remuneration for patient solicitation or referral, although its language is slightly different, referencing "payments" and "rewards."

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Rules Reminder: Physician Advertising

When reviewing the state's laws and rules governing physician advertising, it is important to first ask the question, "What is advertising?"

Chapter 164 of [Texas Medical Board Rules](#) defines *advertising* and *advertisement* as:

Informational communication to the public in any manner designed to attract public attention to the practice of a physician. Advertising may include oral, written, broadcast, and other types of communications disseminated by or at the behest of a physician. The communications covered

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Board Rule Changes

The following rule changes were approved by the Board during the December meeting. After publication in the TX Register, the rules with effective date will be posted on the TMB website: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/rules/changes/changes.php>.

CHAPTER 163. LICENSURE

22 TAC §163.1

The Amendments to §163.1, added definitions for “license holder,” “military service member,” “military spouse” and “military veteran” based on the passage of SB 162 and SB 949 (83rd Reg. Session) that amended Chapters 55 and 155 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

22 TAC §163.2

The Amendment to §163.2, related to Full Texas Medical License, deletes §163.2(d) of this rule related to the requirements for applicants who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, in accordance with SB 949 (83rd Reg. Session), which repealed Ch. 155.0045 of the Tex. Occ. Code, related to additional eligibility requirements for certain aliens. Also, the Amendment changes “163.2(e)” to “163.2(d),” in light of the previous deletion of “163.2(d).” The Amendment also adds language to §163.2(d), allowing for an expedited licensure process for military spouses, based on the passage of SB 162 (83rd Reg. Session). The New Rule §163.2(e), adds a provision for recognizing certain training for applicants with military experience, based on the passage of SB 162 (83rd Reg. Session).

22 TAC §163.5

The Amendment to §163.5(b)(12), relating to Licensure Documentation – Citizenship or Permanent Residence, is deleted as a result of §163.2(d) being deleted by virtue of Ch. 155.0045 of the Tex. Occ. Code being repealed by SB 949 (83rd Reg. Session).

22 TAC §163.6

The Amendment to §163.6, relating to Examinations Accepted for Licensure, amends the language in §163.6(b)(3), relating to the exemption from limits on exam attempts, in order to be consistent with the remainder of the rule. The New Rule §163.6(f), adds language which provides for an exemption from time frame in which an applicant must pass the examinations required for licensure, based on the passage of SB 949 (83rd Reg. Session).

22 TAC §163.13

The Amendment to §163.13, relating to Expedited Licensure Process, amends the language to include applicants who meet the criteria under §163.2(d), based on the passage of SB 162 (83rd Reg. Session).

CHAPTER 165. MEDICAL RECORDS

22 TAC §165.2

The amendments include language requiring a provider to provide copies of the requested patient records in electronic format, if such records are readily producible or other format as agreed to by the physician and the requestor, based on amendment of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 45 C.F.R. Part 164.524(c)(2)(i)-(ii). 165.2(c). The Amendment to 165.2(c) corrects a typographical error and references to the Board. The Amendment to 165.2(e), relating to allowable charges for providing copies of patient records, adds language to include the allowable charges for providing copies of patient records in electronic format, as well as a combination of paper and electronic format, based on the amendment of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 45 C.F.R. Part 164.524(c)(4)(i) from January 25, 2013.

22 TAC §165.5

The amendments add new subsection (f), which provides that a physician acting as a *locum tenens* is not required to provide notice of his or her discontinuation of practice to patients treated for no longer than six months at the

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Physician Advertising, Cont.

include, but are not limited to, those made to patients, prospective patients, professionals or other persons who might refer patients, and to the public at large. The communications covered include signs, nameplates, professional cards, announcements, letterheads, listings in telephone directories and other directories, brochures, radio and television appearances, and information disseminated on the Internet or Web.

With this broad definition, as a general rule, it would be appropriate to consider anything that includes the physician’s name an advertisement. This applies to social media like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

So what does the Board consider inappropriate advertising?

Generally, an advertisement that is in any way false, deceptive or misleading is **inappropriate advertising**. Examples of inappropriate advertising would include those that make material false claims or misrepresentations of material facts which cannot be substantiated; assures a permanent cure for an incurable disease; causes confusion or misunderstanding as to the credentials, education, or licensure of a health care professional; among others listed under §164.3.

A good question to ask is: “Can this statement be proven?”

Issues can arise with advertisements making proclamations like, “the best,” “the only,” “the most advanced,” etc. Keep in mind that even ads created by a health care entity which the physician is an employee of are the responsibility of the physician to ensure his or her name and credentials are being used in accordance with state laws and rules.

The use of **Board Certification is also strictly limited under Ch. 164**. A physician may use the term “board certified” only if he or she is certified by an organization that is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS), or is the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The only exception to this, under §164.4(b), would be if the Medical Board determines that a physician-based certifying organization that conferred the certification has certification requirements that are *substantially equivalent* to the requirements of ABMS or the BOS existing at the time of application to the medical board. Chapter 164 goes on to further list required criteria necessary to meet equivalency.

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Board Rules, Cont.

location in which the physician acted as *locum tenens*, and defines "*locum tenens*" as a position in which a physician is employed or contracted on a temporary or substitute basis to provide physician services. Additionally, the amendments would revise subsection (c) so that a physician, physician group, or organization described in §165.1(b)(6) of Chapter 165 of 22 TAC Part 9 is prohibited from withholding information from a departing physician that is necessary for notification of patients about the physician's departure, except where an exception applies under new subsection (f). Further, the amendments would revise subsection (c) so that where an exception applies under new subsection (f), other licensed physicians remaining in the practice may prevent the departing physician from posting notice and the sign about the physician's departure.

CHAPTER 166. PHYSICIAN REGISTRATION

22 TAC §166.2

The Amendments to §166.2, relating to Continuing Medical Education, amends §166.2(a)(4) to include specific continuing medical education requirements for a physician who performs a forensic examination on a sexual assault survivor, based on the passage of SB1191(83rd Reg. Session). This Amendment further amends §166.2(n) to remedy incorrect citations.

22 TAC §166.3

The Amendment to §166.3, related to Retired Physician Exception, amends §166.3(4)(F) to correct a grammatical error. The New Rule §166.3(7) provides for emeritus status for retired physicians who meet specific criteria.

CHAPTER 167. REINSTATEMENT AND REISSUANCE

22 TAC §167.4

The amendment mandates that the underlying action leading to the revocation of a physician's license be considered in determining whether the reinstatement of the physician license would be in the best interests of the public.

22 TAC §167.6

The amendment mandates that the order revoking or suspending a physician's license be admissible in the contested case proceeding regarding a physician license reinstatement or reissuance request, and mandates that the basis for the Board's revocation must be considered and addressed by the ALJ as a factor in the best interest of the public determination in the Proposal for Decision.

CHAPTER 170. PAIN MANAGEMENT

22 TAC §170.1

The amendment corrects a typographical error by inserting an apostrophe in the word "patients" in the second sentence of 170.1(8).

CHAPTER 172. TEMPORARY AND LIMITED LICENSES

22 TAC §172.1

The Amendments to §172.1, relating to Purpose, added a reference to newly created Chapter 155.103 of the Texas Occupations Code, based on the passage of SB 061 (83rd Reg. Session) which created Chapter 155.103 of the Tex. Occ. Code. This Amendment also added a reference to Chapter 155.101 of the Texas Occupations Code in order to correct the previously adopted version that omitted such reference.

22 TAC §172.4

The Amendment to §172.4, related to State Health Agency Temporary License, amends incorrect citations to other rules.

22 TAC §172.9

The Amendment to §172.9, related to Postgraduate Research Temporary License, is amended to provide that a postgraduate research temporary license may be issued to a medical school graduate who holds a research appointment at an institution, under certain terms and conditions.

22 TAC §172.13

The Amendment to §172.13, related to Conceded Eminence, amends §172.13 (c), remedies incorrect citations to other rules.

22 TAC §172.18

The New Rule §172.18, relating to Military Limited Volunteer Licenses, sets forth the criteria under which an applicant may qualify for a military limited volunteer license, based on the passage of SB 061 (83rd Reg. Session) and the creation of Chapter 155.103 of the Texas Occupations Code, which provides a licensing mechanism for active and retired military physicians who do not hold a Texas medical license to provide charitable care in Texas.

CHAPTER 173. PHYSICIAN PROFILES

22 TAC §173.5

The Amendment to §173.5, relating to updates to a physician's profile due to information from a third party, amends an incorrect reference to rule "173.1 (b)18" and replaces that reference with correct references to "173.1(b)(20) and (21)".

CHAPTER 177. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

22 TAC §177.16

The amendment deletes the term "partnership" and substitutes the terms "professional association or professional limited liability company."

22 TAC §177.17

The amendment adds two new hospital districts to the list of entities allowed to employ physicians, consistent with amendments made by the passage of HB 3905 and HB 1247 (83rd Reg. Session) to the Texas Special District Code.

CHAPTER 184. SURGICAL ASSISTANTS

22 TAC §184.2

The amendments to 184.2, relating to Definitions, added definitions for "military service member," "military spouse" and "military veteran" based on the passage of SB 162 (83rd Reg. Session) that amended Chapter 55 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

22 TAC §184.4

The amendment to 184.4, related to Qualifications for Licensure for Surgical Assistants, adds language to 184.4(c)(3), allowing for an expedited licensure process for military spouses, based on the passage of SB 162 (83rd Reg. Session). The New Rule, 184.4(d), adds a provision for recognizing certain training for Applicants with military experience, based on the passage of SB 162 (83rd Reg. Session).

CHAPTER 187. PROCEDURAL RULES

22 TAC §187.18

The amendment deletes language that requires a licensee to pay for a recording of an informal settlement conference (ISC) at least fifteen days prior to the date of the ISC, as the requirement is inconsistent with the payment process required by the Board's recording and transcription vendor. Additionally, the amendment adds language requiring the request be in writing and received by the Board no later than 15 days prior to the date of the ISC.

22 TAC §187.88

The amendment makes a correction to an incorrect citation to another Board rule.

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Formal Complaints

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Holland, Scott W., M.D., Gilmer	M2351	9/26/13	Failure to meet the standard of care; inadequate medical records.
Jackson, James D., Jr., M.D., Palestine	J3124	11/13/13	Failure to meet the standard of care; inadequate medical records; impermissibly delegated prescriptive authority to a registered nurse.
Gonino, V. John, D.O., Rockwall	J2032	11/15/13	Failure to meet the standard of care; inadequate medical records.
Fischer, Charles H., M.D., Austin	G6438	11/18/13	Unprofessional conduct, criminal activity.
Rath, Albert E., Jr., M.D., New Braunfels	D7264	11/19/13	Disciplinary action taken by peers, failure to meet standard of care.
Smith, Ralph A., Jr., M.D., Greenwood, MS	J3618	11/19/13	Disciplinary action by another state.
Warfield, Louis E., P.A., Spring	PA00365	11/22/13	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing; inadequate medical records.
Nuszen, Miriam, P.A., Houston	PA01902	11/25/13	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, and improper operation of a pain management clinic, aiding or abetting the practice of medicine by any person, partnership, association, or corporation not licensed to practice, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain.
Abernathy, Latoya D., P.A., Baytown	PA07046	12/3/13	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, and improper operation of a pain management clinic, aiding or abetting the practice of medicine by any person, partnership, association, or corporation not licensed to practice, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain.
Ajim, Ayo Ayodeji, M.D., Houston	L2081	12/3/13	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, and improper operation of a pain management clinic, aiding or abetting the practice of medicine by any person, partnership, association, or corporation not licensed to practice, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain.
Schrapps, Jerome F., M.D., Beaumont	J2907	12/3/13	Failure to meet the standard of care; inadequate medical records.

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Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Burzynski, Stanislaw, M.D., Houston	D9377	12/11/13	Unprofessional conduct; advertising violation.
Lahiji, Hossein, M.D., McAllen	J9145	12/11/13	Conviction of a felony, failure to meet the standard of care, failure to adequately supervise.
Stephens, Chad Bryan, D.O., Decatur	L3143	12/11/13	Failure to meet the standard of care.
Williams, Aldon, M.D., Harlingen	J8418	12/11/13	Failure to meet the standard of care, inadequate medical records, improper billing.
Bader, Elliott, M.D., DeSoto	F0129	12/12/13	Failure to meet the standard of care.

Board Rules, Cont.

CHAPTER 189. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

22 TAC §189.2

The amendments add definitions for “Successful Completion” and “Toll”, relating to the Board’s compliance monitoring program.

22 TAC §189.15

The new rule provides how “successful completion” will be determined in regard to the determination of a probationer’s compliance with term of a board order, and describes the effect of tolling of a board order.

CHAPTER 192. OFFICE BASED ANESTHESIA

22 TAC §192.1

The amendment adds language providing that except as provided by §192.2(b)(9), the administration of certain local anesthesia, peripheral nerve blocks, or both in a total dosage amount that exceeds 50 percent of the recommended maximum safe dosage per outpatient visit is a level II service, in accordance with SB 978 (83rd Reg. Session).

22 TAC §192.2

The amendment revises language in subsection (b)(1) providing that rules under Chapter 192 do not apply to outpatient settings in which only local anesthesia, peripheral nerve blocks, or both are used in a total dosage amount that does not exceed 50 percent of the recommended maximum safe dosage per outpatient visit, in accordance with SB 978 (83rd Reg. Session). Additionally, new subsection (b)(9) is added, providing that the rules under Chapter 192 do not apply to the performance of Mohs micrographic surgery.

CHAPTER 195. PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS

22 TAC §195.2

The amendments change the heading to subsection (a)(5) to read “Disciplinary Action.” The amendments further create new subparagraphs (A) and (B) under subsection (a)(5). Subparagraph (A) provides that a violation of Chapter 168 of the Texas Occupations Code (the Act) or rules regarding a pain management clinic’s eligibility, operation, or involvement in dispensing, administering, or non-therapeutic prescribing is grounds for the Board to take disciplinary action against a clinic, or owner or operator of a clinic, and that such disciplinary action may include the temporary suspension or restriction of a pain management clinic’s certificate, owner or operator’s license, or both, in accordance with Section 168.202, as amended by SB 1643, which passed during the 83rd Regular Session. Under subparagraph (B), language is added clarifying that any temporary suspension or restriction hearing for a pain management clinic or for a licensee must be held pursuant to the procedures of Chapter 187, Sub-

chapter F of Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Section 168.202 of the Act, as amended by SB 1643. Additionally, language is added providing that evidence of a continuing threat to public health and welfare may include evidence that the owner or operator of a pain management clinic is in violation of statutes or rules regarding the clinic’s eligibility, operation, or involvement in dispensing, administering, or prescribing medications in a nontherapeutic manner in addition to, or alternative to evidence that the clinic is in violation of such law, in accordance with Section 168.202, as amended by SB 1643. Further, subsection (f) is amended clarifying that a person who operates in addition to owning a pain management clinic is engaged in the practice of medicine, in accordance with HB 1803, which amended Section 168.201 of the Act. Further amendments are related to rules concerning pending investigations of applicants for pain management certificates in accordance with SB 1643’s amendment of Section 168.102 of the Act, and provisions providing the voluntary and mandatory cancellation and voluntary surrender of pain management certificates, as set out in new subsections (h)-(i).

22 TAC §195.4

The amendments add language so that the rules relating to exemptions more strictly comport with SB 1803 (83rd Reg. Session), which clarified existing exemptions to pain management clinic registration under Chapter 168 of the Act. Further amendments are related to CME completion required as part of a practice quality plan.

CHAPTER 196. VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OR SURRENDER OF A MEDICAL LICENSE

22 TAC §196.2

The amendment corrects an incorrect citation to a Board rule.

CHAPTER 197. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

22 TAC §197.5

The amendments make corrections to typographical errors in the heading and text of the rule.

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Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit: www.tmb.state.tx.us/news/news.php

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION

Somerville, Judson Jeffrey, M.D., Lic. No. H6622, Laredo

On December 11, 2013, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Judson Jeffrey Somerville, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a threat to public welfare. The restriction limits Dr. Somerville's pain management practice to interventional procedures performed in an outside surgical facility, prohibits him from performing office based procedures, and prohibits him from administering, dispensing, prescribing, or refilling a prescription for any controlled substance taken orally in Schedules II, III, IV or V identified in the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481. The temporary restriction was based on the panel's findings that Dr. Somerville violated the standard of care with respect to 36 patients, including nontherapeutic prescribing, operation of unregistered pain clinics, and failure to adequately supervise the activities of persons operating under his supervision by presigning prescriptions including prescription forms for Schedule II controlled substance medications. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

Gorman, Mary, M.D., Lic. No. H3249, Austin

On October 25, 2013, the Board entered an Automatic Suspension Order regarding Mary Gorman, M.D., requiring Dr. Gorman to immediately cease practicing as a physician in Texas until authorized to do so by the Board. The Board found Dr. Gorman violated her November 2011 Order by prescribing scheduled medications on multiple occasions outside of a hospital setting and that suspension of Dr. Gorman's license was appropriate.

Lahiji, Hossein, M.D., Lic. No. J9145, McAllen

On November 18, 2013, the Board entered an Automatic Suspension Order regarding Hossein Lahiji, M.D., requiring Dr. Lahiji to immediately cease practicing as a physician in Texas until he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, personally appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence he has not been convicted of felony charges. The Board found on December 15, 2010, the US District Court for the District of Oregon, Portland Division charged Dr. Lahiji with one felony Count of Conspiracy to Defraud the US and one felony Count of Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering. The Board also found on June 27, 2013, the US District Court for the District of Oregon, Portland Division's jury found Dr. Lahiji guilty on both felony counts.

Smith, Jody LeeAnn, M.D., Lic. No. BP10037778, Deer Park

On October 14, 2013, the Board entered an Automatic Suspension Order regarding Jody LeeAnn Smith, M.D., requiring Dr. Smith to immediately cease practicing as a physician in Texas until she requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, personally appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence she has an agreement in place for repayment of her loan. The Board found as of May 13, 2013, Dr. Smith has been in default of her student loans since December 2012.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION

Brown, William Edward, M.D., Lic. No. E8361, Tyler

On December 6, 2013, the Board and William Edward Brown, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Brown agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Brown was under investigation by the Board related to allegations dealing with his possible impairment and failure to abide by the abstinence from alcohol provisions contained in a Texas Physicians Health Program testing agreement and Board interim testing agreement.

Craig, Randall Gordon, M.D., Lic. No. G9084, Tyler

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Randall Gordon Craig, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Craig voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Craig pled guilty to and was convicted of a misdemeanor offense for failing to file a tax return. Dr. Craig requested that the voluntary surrender of his medical license be accepted in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

Duntsch, Christopher Daniel, M.D., Lic. No. N8183, Plano

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Christopher Daniel Duntsch, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation in which Dr. Duntsch agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Duntsch violated the standard of care with respect to six patients.

Fraser, Michael Patrick, D.O., Lic. No. H8051, Dallas

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Michael Patrick Fraser, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Fraser voluntarily surrendered his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Fraser was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations he failed to timely release medical records requested by a patient.

Gonzalez-Torres, Pedro Luis, M.D., Lic. No. M8683, Bay Shore, NY

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Pedro Luis Gonzalez-Torres, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Gonzalez-Torres voluntarily surrendered his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Gonzalez-Torres was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations that he non-therapeutically prescribed controlled substances when he was a resident in Houston, TX working part-time at CarePro Clinic.

Nakissa, Nasser, M.D., Lic. No. G6355, San Antonio

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Nasser Nakissa, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Nakissa voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Nakissa was under investigation related to allegations that he engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing of drugs in violation of the Medical Practice Act. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Rao, Turlapati R., M.D., Lic. No. F5004, Lubbock

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Turlapati R. Rao, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Rao voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license in lieu of

further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Rao surrendered his hospital privileges at two facilities while subject to peer review.

Routh, Lisa Carole, M.D., Lic. No. H2742, Houston

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Lisa Carole Routh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Routh voluntarily surrendered her Texas medical license. Dr. Routh was under investigation related to allegations that she violated the standard of care in her treatment of patients; failed to cooperate with Board staff; and engaged in substance abuse. Dr. Routh voluntarily surrendered her medical license due to her medical condition and in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

Terrell, Gregory Scott, M.D., Lic. No. K1695, Tyler

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Gregory Scott Terrell, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Suspension, suspending Dr. Terrell's Texas medical license until such time as he appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence that he is competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Dr. Terrell was arrested on July 31, 2013 for diversion of controlled substances for another person's use.

QUALITY OF CARE

Agim, Onyinye Amara, M.D., Lic. No. N2360, Houston

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Onyinye Amara Agim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Agim to complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in ethics and 8 hours in risk management (including supervision of mid-level providers) and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 90 days. The Board found Dr. Agim did not adequately supervise the employees under her direction at the clinic, including the advanced practice nurse and had no written protocols in place during her supervision.

Barrow, Justin Boone, M.D., Lic. No. K8607, College Station

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Justin Boone Barrow, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Barrow to within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in evaluation of chest pain. The Board found Dr. Barrow failed to appropriately evaluate and treat a patient for chest pain.

Buller, David Warren, M.D., Lic. No. H3446, Gilmer

On December 6, 2013, the Board and David Warren Buller, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Buller to within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in pain management including identifying drug-seeking behavior, and eight hours in medical record keeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. Buller failed to follow Board guidelines for the treatment of pain and failed to keep adequate medicate records.

Carreras, Jose R., M.D., Lic. No. G8678, Mission

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Jose R. Carreras, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Carreras to within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. Carreras failed to meet the standard for one patient in his surgical care by not performing a complete examination and establish plan of care prior to his surgical intervention.

Dailey, Warren Bertrand, M.D., Lic. No. F8454, Houston

On October 23, 2013, the Board and Warren Bertrand Dailey, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Dailey to not administer, dispense, prescribe or refill a prescription for any controlled substance,

except methadone for the treatment of addiction at methadone clinics at which he serves as medical director; and not engage in the practice of treating chronic pain patients, except for addiction patients seen at the methadone clinic at which he serves as medical director, and for those patients he may only prescribe methadone and/or non-controlled substances. The Board found Dr. Dailey failed to adequately supervise midlevel providers treating chronic pain patients under his supervision.

Gleason, Patrick Langham, M.D., Lic. No. L6913, Corpus Christi

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Patrick Langham Gleason, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Gleason to have his practice monitored by another physician for four monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical record-keeping, four hours in risk management, and four hours in post-operative complications; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Gleason failed to use proper diligence in his treatment of one patient and failed to safeguard against potential complications that led to the vascular injury and death of said patient.

Hogan, Matthew James, M.D., Lic. No. H5777, Atlanta

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Matthew James Hogan, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Hogan to within one year complete eight hours of CME in diagnosing cardiopulmonary emergencies and eight hours in medical record keeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Hogan failed to meet the standard of care in regards to one patient by failing to adequately evaluate the patient for a pulmonary embolism.

Lankes, Richard Allen, M.D., Lic. No. E6464, Carrizo Springs

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Richard Allen Lankes, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Lankes to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in identifying drug-seeking behavior, eight hours in medical record keeping, and eight hours in pain management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Lankes prescribed controlled medications to a patient without appropriate evaluation or documentation and failed to refer the patient to a pain specialist.

Lester, R. Anton, III, D.O., Lic. No. F3204, Tyler

On October 18, 2013, the Board and R. Anton Lester, III, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Lester to have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in ethics; not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs to himself for his own use or in his name for use by patients; separate from patient records, Dr. Lester shall maintain a log consisting of a record of every sample of controlled substances or dangerous drugs provided to patients in chronological order by date issued; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 90 days. The Board found Dr. Lester's medical records were inadequate with the treatment of one patient and that Dr. Lester admitted to prescribing in his name in order to provide medications to his patients.

Lewis, Adolphus Ray, D.O., Lic. No. H2532, Fort Worth

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Adolphus Ray Lewis, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Lewis to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; and within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. Lewis failed to meet the standard of care

in his treatment of a patient's skin ulcers and maintained inadequate medical records.

Miller, Dwayne, C., M.D., Lic. No. H0638, Comanche

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Dwayne C. Miller, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Miller to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in medical record-keeping and 8 hours in heart failure/blockage. The Board found Dr. Miller failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment of one patient when he failed to obtain an echocardiogram after complications developed following the placing of a cardiac pacemaker and failed to seek assistance when complications developed during the procedure.

Mittal, Piyush, M.D., Lic. No. L7816, Lubbock

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Piyush Mittal, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Piyush to complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in risk management and 8 hours in medical record-keeping. The Board found Dr. Piyush failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment of a patient by not maintaining continuity of care in the transfer of a patient between hospital facilities.

Nguyen, Loi Phi, M.D., Lic. No. H3275, Houston

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Loi Phi Nguyen, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Nguyen to have his practice monitored by another physician for 8 consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 34 hours of CME, divided as follows: 16 hours in pharmacology and the treatment of chronic pain, 12 hours in echocardiography focused on appropriate indication and appropriate use of guidelines criteria, and 6 hours in medical recordkeeping or risk management. The Board found Dr. Nguyen's prescribing of opioids and benzodiazepines to patients was not consistent with the guidelines set out in Board Rule 170.3; and during the course of treating a patient, failed to document a demonstrated pathology to adequately justify the number of echocardiograms on the patient.

CORRECTED ORDER 10/31/13: Noble, DeCarlo, M.D., Lic. No. L5851, Denton

On October 18, 2013, the Board approved a Final Order requiring Dr. Noble to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 36 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in high risk obstetrics and gynecology, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management, and eight hours in ethics. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge who heard the case at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Olusola, Benedict Oladipo, M.D., Lic. No. J7118, DeSoto

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Benedict Oladipo Olusola, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Olusola to refrain from supervising and delegating prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least four hours of CME in medical recordkeeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 within 180 days. The Board found Dr. Olusola failed to adequately supervise physician assistants providing home healthcare under his supervision and delegation of his prescriptive authority, did not personally evaluate or treat the patients at their homes or in his office, and failed to maintain an updated record of his supervision of mid-level practitioners on his public physician profile with the Board.

Park, Jin Sup, M.D., Lic. No. E8797, Houston

On October 18, 2013, the Board approved a Final Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Park and requiring Dr. Park to within 180 days complete

the Clinical Competence Assessment, including Phase I and Phase II, offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) and the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); have his practice monitored by a physician for eight cycles; and obtain 32 hours continuing medical education, divided as follows: eight hours in performing liver biopsies, eight hours in reading diagnostic mammograms, eight hours in medical record keeping and eight hours in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Park failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of two patients, and failed to keep adequate medical records with respect to one of those patients. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge who heard the case at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Pringle, Timothy Craig, M.D., Lic. No. M8262, Carrollton

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Timothy Craig Pringle, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Pringle to submit written protocols to the Board addressing operative complications for in-office procedures; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical record-keeping. The Board found Dr. Pringle failed to adequately document resuscitative efforts that patient coded and that medical records for the patient did not adequately address all of the patient's co-morbidities.

Ravichandran, G.K., M.D., Lic. No. F3588, Houston

On December 6, 2013, the Board and G.K. Ravichandran, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Ravichandran to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in treating developmental disorders/ADHD, and four hours in providing informed consent; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Ravichandran's prescription for simultaneous use of four psychotropic medications placed a patient at risk for complications, the patient had never before taken the medications and was not in an in-patient setting or otherwise in a situation where the patient would be monitored closely by health care practitioners, and in corresponding with the patient's primary care physician, changed the medical diagnoses without adequate explanation.

Robledo, Jaime De Jesus, M.D., Lic. No. K6916, Katy

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Jaime De Jesus Robledo, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Robledo to have his practice monitored by another physician for four monitoring cycles; and within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. Robledo failed to meet the standard of care and non-therapeutically prescribed controlled substances to one patient without adequately documenting his examination of the patient and his rationale for treatment.

Sanchez-Leal, Henry Richard, M.D., Lic. No. G0052, Wichita Falls

On October 3, 2013, the Board and Henry Richard Sanchez-Leal, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Sanchez-Leal to complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in pharmacology in the treatment of psychiatric patients and 8 hours in medical record-keeping. The Board found Dr. Sanchez-Leal failed to meet the standard of care provided to two patients and failed to adequately supervise the APN who provided the direct care.

Stafford, Novarro Charles, M.D., Lic. No. H5072, Spring

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Novarro Charles Stafford, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Stafford to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Stafford failed to perform adequate and complete physical examinations of several patients; failed to meet the standard of care with multiple patients; and failed to maintain adequate medical records.

Stenger, Earl Martin, M.D., Lic. No. D7315, San Antonio

On November 13, 2013, the Board and Earl Martin Stenger, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Stenger to within one year complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program's Clinical Competency Assessment offered by the Texas A&M Health Science Center Rural and Community Health Institute. The Board found Dr. Stenger failed to complete an adequate assessment of a patient to support his diagnosis and treatment and maintained inadequate medical records.

Teveni, Pablo Cortez, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. H2972, Stanton

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Pablo Cortez Teveni, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Teveni to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in treatment of chronic renal failure, evaluation and related complications. The Board found Dr. Teveni failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment of a patient. Specifically, Dr. Teveni failed to appropriately follow up, manage the patient's lab results, and treat the patient for acute renal failure.

Wieck, Bryan Robert, M.D., Lic. No. J0361, Wichita Falls

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Bryan Robert Wieck, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Wieck to within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); within 90 days submit a copy of his physician assistants and advance nurse practitioners written protocols; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in pharmacology in the treatment of psychiatric patients and 8 hours in supervision and delegation. The Board found Dr. Wieck failed to adequately supervise his delegate, an NP and psychiatric nurse, in her care of two patients. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Xu, Jianzhang, M.D., Lic. No. J7253, Houston

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Jianzhang Xu, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Xu to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in identifying drug seeking behavior and 8 hours medical record keeping. The Board found Dr. Xu prescribed substances to a patient without appropriate indications and/or documentation reflecting appropriate indications and failed to recognize the patient's request for hydrocodone, alprazolam, and promethazine-codeine cough syrup as possible drug seeking behavior.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**Barker, Wade Neal, M.D., Lic. No. J1859, Dallas**

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Wade Neal Barker, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Barker to within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in physician-patient communications; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Barker failed to communicate with

a patient that he repaired a previously undiagnosed hernia during a gastric bypass revision procedure and failed to clearly document the length of the common channel in the patient's medical records.

Dickson, John Ervin, M.D., Lic. No. J7470, San Antonio

On October 18, 2013, the Board and John Ervin Dickson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Dickson to within 90 days complete all required hours of CME regarding his license renewal period of September 1, 2010, to August 31, 2012, with at least 2 hours in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility as required by Board rule; within one year complete at least 16 additional hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours medical ethics, four hours management of anger and other disruptive behaviors, and four hours physician-patient communications; within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Dickson engaged in unprofessional and abusive conduct towards one patient and his staff by making embarrassing, insulting or demeaning comments and that Dr. Dickson failed to obtain or document the required number of hours of CME credits regarding the license renewal audit.

Elemuren-Ogunmuyiwa, Iyabo Abiola, M.D., Lic. No. K4050, Harker Heights

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Iyabo Abiola Elemuren-Ogunmuyiwa, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Elemuren-Ogunmuyiwa and requiring Dr. Elemuren-Ogunmuyiwa to have her practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least eight hours of in-person CME in the topic of proper billing practices. The Board found Dr. Elemuren-Ogunmuyiwa engaged in unprofessional conduct for improper billing. Specifically, Dr. Elemuren-Ogunmuyiwa was under investigation concerning her Tri-Care patient charts.

Free, Marcus Kyle, M.D., Lic. No. L0799, Sandusky, MI

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Marcus Kyle Free, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Free to undergo an independent medical evaluation by a Board-designated psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Free committed unprofessional conduct relating to a civil matter between him and his spouse.

Forrer, Daniel Scott, D.O., Lic. No. H9513, Bartonville

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Daniel Scott Forrer, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Forrer and requiring Dr. Forrer to undergo an independent psychiatric evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; continue to participate in the activities and programs of Sex Addicts Anonymous; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; have his practice monitored by another physician for 20 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Forrer self-reported multiple boundary violations in his practice. Specifically, Dr. Forrer engaged in boundary violations with several patients ranging from sexual relations with one patient to inappropriate physical contact and explicit communication with others.

Holmes, Michael Wesley, M.D., Lic. No. E7118, Beaumont

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Michael Wesley Holmes, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Holmes to within 30 days tender a letter of apology, issue a refund to his patient; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Holmes failed to reimburse a patient for an over-payment and failed to respond to the patient's request for a written explanation of the pa-

tient's bill.

Howie, David Ian, M.D., Lic. No. H2472, Cleveland

On December 6, 2013, the Board and David Ian Howie, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Howie and requiring Dr. Howie to comply with the recommendations for care and treatment related to an Independent Medical/Psychiatric Evaluation (IME); and within one year complete the anger management course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. Howie violated his 2012 remedial plan's terms requiring timely payment of a \$500 yearly administrative fee.

Hume, Thaddeus William, M.D., Lic. No. F0526, Houston

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Thaddeus William Hume, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Hume to complete within one year and three attempts the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); complete within one year at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in ethics and 8 hours risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Hume admitted that he supplied incorrect answers on his May 2010 licensure renewal form after being indicted in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas approximately two months prior to his negative response to a question asking if he had ever been "arrested, fined (over \$250), charged with or convicted of a crime, indicted, imprisoned, placed on probation, or placed on deferred adjudication," since his most recent licensure with the Board and that based on the 2010 indictment, Dr. Hume was subject of peer review and disciplinary action taken by St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Hurly, James Matthew, M.D., Lic. No. J7996, Amarillo

On October 18, 2013, the Board and James Matthew Hurly, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Hurly to complete the anger management course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program, or an equivalent; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Hurly pled guilty and received deferred adjudication for Misdemeanor Class A Assault Causing Bodily Injury.

Kim, Junuk, M.D., Lic. No. N3791, Houston

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Junuk Kim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Kim to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in professional communication, four hours in ethics, and four hours in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500 within 90 days. The Board found Dr. Kim did not enter records into the clinic's electronic medical record keeping system for more than 170 records and was unable to account for or explain the missing records or the discrepancy in records that were furnished.

Niamatali, Habiboola, M.D., Lic. No. G1133, Garland

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Habiboola Niamatali, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Niamatali to refrain from re-registering for or obtaining DEA or DPS controlled substances registration certificates. The Board found Dr. Niamatali voluntarily surrendered his DEA controlled substances certificates in July 2011 and subsequently had his DPS controlled substances certificates revoked based on that surrender.

Noss, Michael Roy, D.O., Lic. No. H0695, Dallas

On October 3, 2013, the Board and Michael Roy Noss, D.O., entered

into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Noss and requiring Dr. Noss to within one year complete either the professional boundaries course offered by University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program, or an equivalent approved in advance; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination ("JP Exam"); within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in ethics, and 8 hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Noss had a physical encounter of an intimate nature with a patient.

Ramamurthy, Hariharan, M.D., Lic. No. K8821, Dallas

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Hariharan Ramamurthy, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Ramamurthy to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in professional boundaries and eight hours in ethics. The Board found Dr. Ramamurthy made inappropriate comments to a patient's wife, inappropriately met with a patient outside the office, made inappropriate remarks of a sexual nature to the patient via text message, and voluntarily retired from the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Dallas during an investigation into these incidents.

Rodriguez, Armand R., M.D., Lic. No. G0021, San Antonio

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Armand R. Rodriguez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Rodriguez and requiring Dr. Rodriguez to limit his work as a physician to no more than 40 hours per week. The Board found Dr. Rodriguez diverted Demerol at a surgery center for his own personal use, was confronted by staff at the center about the diversion, admitted to it and resigned his privileges. Dr. Rodriguez sought inpatient treatment related to his Demerol use soon after resigning his privileges at the center.

Skiba, William Edward, M.D., Lic. No. H2785, Houston

On October 18, 2013, the Board and William Edward Skiba, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Skiba to undergo an independent medical evaluation by a Board-designated psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Skiba self-reported a deferred disposition of a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct and indecent exposure.

Trevino Ortiz, Alejandro Roberto, Lic. No. BP10038258, Orlando, FL

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Alejandro Roberto Trevino Ortiz, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Trevino Ortiz. The Board found Dr. Trevino Ortiz failed to provide complete and timely information regarding academic probation in a subsequent application process and was found to have committed a violation of a National Resident Matching Program (NRMP).

Trussler, Andrew Peter, M.D., Lic. No. M3770, The Hills

On October 24, 2013, the Board and Andrew Peter Trussler, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Trussler and requiring Dr. Trussler to use a chaperone any time he examines a female patient; limit his practice to a group or institutional setting; shall not possess, administer, dispense or prescribe any controlled substances or dangerous drugs, except may order such drugs to be administered to surgical patients for pre-operative or post-operative care, for not more than 72 hours at a time, and no refills; within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within 30 days submit to an evaluation by the Texas Physicians' Health Program; within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in the topic of ethics; and pay an administrative

penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Trussler admitted to the alleged violations with regard to sexual contact with more than one patient and diverting medicines prescribed to more than one patient for personal use.

PEER REVIEW ACTIONS

Cantu, Dennis David, M.D., Lic. No. F1430, Laredo

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Dennis David Cantu, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Cantu and requiring Dr. Cantu to use a chaperone any time he examines a female patient; within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Cantu was granted a leave of absence by Laredo Medical Center following the filing of a police report by hospital staff alleging inappropriate conduct with a patient. Two statements were submitted by eye witnesses involving Dr. Cantu's alleged boundary violations, though Dr. Cantu denied engaging in any sexual contact with the patient.

Gladden, Jeffrey R., M.D., Lic. No. H4934, Plano

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Jeffrey R. Gladden, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Gladden to within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in risk management, 8 hours in supervision of mid-level providers, and 8 hours in ethics. The Board found Dr. Gladden was the subject of a peer review which found Dr. Gladden failed to arrange coverage for his patients, failed to provide care to admitted hospital patients, failed to properly supervise his nurse practitioner, and had his hospital privileges suspended for 90 days as a result.

Perkins, Tonya Yvette, M.D., Lic. No. L8887, Dallas

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Tonya Yvette Perkins entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Perkins to continue to limit her practice to a non-obstetric and non-surgical office-based practice; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical record-keeping. The Board found Dr. Perkins was subject to peer review action following a hospital investigation of her care and treatment of multiple patients and that Dr. Perkins voluntarily surrendered her hospital privileges as a result of the peer review action.

Pirinelli, Jeffrey John, M.D., Lic. No. K6241, Irving

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Jeffrey John Pirinelli, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order restricting Dr. Pirinelli from the practice of anesthesiology. The Board found Dr. Pirinelli was the subject of disciplinary action taken by his peers. Specifically, Dr. Pirinelli was observed abusing an anesthetic drug while in the operating room with a patient present.

Shah, Mrugeshkumar K., M.D., Lic. No. L6174, Carrollton

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Mrugeshkumar K. Shah, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Shah to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical ethics, four hours in risk management, and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Shah had his privileges revoked due to his continued failure to timely complete his standard operating reports and failure to provide updated credentialing information.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Lee, Kang Sun, M.D., Lic. No. K6088, Corpus Christi

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Kang Sun Lee, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Lee and requiring Dr. Lee to

surrender within seven days his DEA and DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificates; limit his practice to a group or institutional setting; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical record keeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$15,000 within six months. The Board found Dr. Lee practiced medicine and supervised mid-level practitioners at two unregistered pain clinics in Houston, Texas, that operated as illegal pill mills; failed to adequately supervise his mid-levels who failed to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutically prescribed controlled substances, and failed to maintain adequate medical records in their care and treatment of patients.

Peers, Denise Dreessen, D.O., Lic. No. J1475, Plano

On November 12, 2013, the Board and Denise Dreessen Peers, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Peers to limit her practice to a group or institutional setting; within seven days surrender her DEA and DPS controlled substances certificates; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in risk management and 8 hours in prescribing controlled substances. The Board found Dr. Peers improperly wrote prescriptions for controlled substances without a valid medical purpose to two of her tenants and diverted some of the controlled substances prescribed to the two tenants for self-use.

Sparkman, Chris Alan, M.D., Lic. No. L5571, The Woodlands

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Chris Alan Sparkman, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Sparkman and requiring Dr. Sparkman to refrain from engaging in the practice of pain management; shall not possess, administer, dispense, or prescribe any Schedule II controlled substances; limit his medical practice to a group or an institutional setting; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts complete the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); and pay an administrative penalty of \$15,000. The Board found Dr. Sparkman practiced medicine at an unregistered pain clinic that was owned by non-physicians and functioned as a "pill mill" for controlled substances. Dr. Sparkman failed to meet the standard of care, failed to maintain adequate medical records, and non-therapeutically prescribed controlled substances to patients at the clinic. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Turner, Kelly James, M.D., Lic. No. L4152, Fort Worth

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Kelly James Turner, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Turner to limit his practice to a group or institutional setting; not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family; not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to himself or his immediate family; not treat acute/chronic pain except in a pre-approved group or institution setting; have his practice monitored by a physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours of risk management, eight hours in professional boundaries, and four hours in prescribing and administering controlled substances. The Board found Dr. Turner prescribed controlled substances to patients for the treatment of pain without maintaining proper medical records or ordering medical records from the patients' previous treating physicians.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER

Fairweather, Lisa D., D.O., Lic. No. L6256, Colleyville

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Lisa D. Fairweather, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying Dr. Fairweather's August 2010 Order, as previously modified. The modification extends the 2010 order for three years and requires Dr. Fairweather to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in boundaries and 4 hours in medical record keeping; shall personally appear before a committee of the Board or Panel of Board representatives at least two times each year the order is in effect; participate in the Board's drug testing program; continue psychiatric care and treatment; shall not possess except if prescribed by treating physician, administer, dispense, or prescribe any controlled substances from Schedules II, III, or IV. The Board found Dr. Fairweather violated the terms of her 2010 order by prescribing dangerous drugs to herself and controlled substances to her husband, by failing to maintain medical records for her self-prescribing and treatment of her husband and was cited by the DEA for records-keeping deficiencies.

Parikh, Navinchandra, M.D., Lic. No. E1697, Grand Prairie

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Navinchandra Parikh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying Dr. Parikh's August 2009 Agreed Order. The modification requires Dr. Parikh to surrender his controlled substances certificates and complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Parikh violated his 2009 Agreed Order, by prescribing to individuals outside of his approved, volunteer practice.

IMPAIRMENT

Deeves, Shawna Mohney, M.D., Lic. No. L9169, San Antonio

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Shawna Mohney Deeves, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Deeve's Texas medical license for a minimum of six months which shall continue until Dr. Deeve's personally appears before the Board and provides convincing evidence that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to practice medicine; and requiring Dr. Deeves to continue psychiatric care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Deeves is unable to safely practice medicine at this time due to her psychiatric condition.

FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE OR DELEGATE

Gill, Zeba, M.D., Lic. No. K1448, San Antonio

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Zeba Gill, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Gill to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. Gill failed to appropriately supervise a physician assistant who non-therapeutically prescribed controlled substances to multiple employees and their family members and failed to properly terminate her supervision of the physician assistant.

OTHER STATES' ACTION

Sanders, Thomas Joe, M.D., Lic. No. G0055, Reno, NV

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Thomas Joe Sanders, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Sanders to cease practicing in Texas until such a time as he personally appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence that he is competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Dr. Sanders was disciplined by the Nevada Medical Board for diverting hydrocodone for personal use resulting in the voluntary surrender of his DEA controlled substance registration.

TEXAS PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP)

VIOLATION

Bonsignore, Christopher James, D.O., Lic. No. P3859, Plano

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Christopher James Bonsignore, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Bonsignore to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances; undergo an independent psychiatric evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; participate in AA; and limit his medical practice to a group or an institutional setting. The Board found Dr. Bonsignore failed to comply with the abstention and testing requirements of his agreement with the Texas Physicians Health Program.

Vasquez, Robert Eloy, M.D., Lic. No. G5730, San Antonio

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Robert Eloy Vasquez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Vasquez to submit to an evaluation by the Texas Physicians Health Program and follow all recommendations made by PHP following the evaluation. The Board found Dr. Vasquez's PHP agreement was terminated as a result of numerous positive drug screens for alcohol and that Dr. Vasquez voluntarily withdrew from the practice of medicine for approximately four months in 2013 while he underwent inpatient substance abuse treatment.

Whitt, Theresa Ann, M.D., Lic. No. J0360, Beeville

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Theresa Ann Whitt, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Whitt to undergo an independent medical evaluation by a Board-designated psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment and abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances. The Board found Dr. Whitt violated provisions of her 2012 Remedial Plan because she violated her contract to complete the Texas Physicians' Health Program (TXPHP).

INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

Potter, Ryan Nelson, M.D., Lic. No. K0544, Corpus Christi

On December 6, 2013, the Board and Ryan Nelson Potter, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Potter to within 90 days perform a technical upgrade of his existing electronic medical record system; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 120 days. The Board found Dr. Potter did not include an adequate explanation in the medical records describing his off label method of reducing the dosage of medication delivered through a fentanyl patch. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Salameh, Raja Nicolas, M.D., Lic. No. G9654, McAllen

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Raja Nicolas Salameh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Salameh have his practice monitored by another physician for eight monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in the topic of risk management. The Board found Dr. Salameh maintained inadequate medical records for a patient to support his care and treatment of the patient.

CEASE AND DESIST

Brooks, Amber, D.C., No Medical License, Dallas

On September 25, 2013, the Board entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding chiropractor Amber Brooks, D.C., prohibiting her from engaging in the practice of medicine. The Board found Dr. Brooks engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine by making offers on her website for treatments that exceed the scope of the practice of chiropractic.

Tarkunde, Sunita, RN, Houston

On October 22, 2013, the Board entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding Sunita Tarkunde, RN, prohibiting Ms. Tarkunde from referring to herself as Dr. Tarkunde, Dr. Sunita, Dr. Sunita Takunde, MD, without clearly designating that she is not a medical doctor and that she is not licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Tarkunde held herself out as a physician on multiple websites, using the designations of "Dr." and "MD."

PAIN CLINIC ACTIONS**Dallas Medical Consultants, Cert. No. PMC00342, Dallas**

On October 18, 2013, the Board and Robert John Koval, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Koval surrendered his Pain Management Clinic Certification for Dallas Medical Consultants in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The order requires Dr. Koval to immediately cease operating Dallas Medical Consultants as a pain clinic in Texas and withdraw any and all PMC applications, if any, currently pending before the Board.

Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

REVOCAATION**Barak, Jeshua J., P.A., Lic. No. PA05222, Corpus Christi**

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board approved a Final Order revoking Mr. Barak's Texas physician assistant license. The Board found Mr. Barak violated his 2012 Order which required him to immediately cease practicing as a physician assistant. Mr. Barak admitted he was practicing in violation of his order. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge who heard the case at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

VOLUNTARY REVOCATION/SURRENDER**Harrison, Prentiss Lee, P.A., Lic. No. PA00256, Houston**

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Prentiss Lee Harrison, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary and Permanent Surrender in which Mr. Harrison voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas physician assistant license. The Board found Mr. Harrison operated an unregistered pain clinic, at which a large number of prescriptions pre-signed by Mr. Harrison were distributed to patients without examinations by Mr. Harrison.

Pelletier, Derek, P.A., Lic. No. PA03964, Rockwall

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Derek Pelletier, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Pelletier voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas physician assistant license. The Board found Mr. Pelletier pleaded guilty to 30 counts of possessing and distributing child pornography and was sentenced by the Faulkner County Circuit Court in Conway, Arkansas, to numerous 10-year prison terms, to run concurrently.

Trejo, David E., P.A., Lic. No. PA01206, El Paso

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and David E. Trejo, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Trejo voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas physician assistant license. The Board found Mr. Trejo performed cosmetic procedures for approximately 40 to 50 patients with products not approved by the Federal Drug Administration and without adequate informed consent from patients. Furthermore, the Board found Mr.

Trejo performed the cosmetic procedures at a location not listed under the collaborative practice agreement with his supervising physician.

Wilson, Larry Don, P.A., Lic. No. PA00742, Houston

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Larry Don Wilson, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation, revoking Mr. Wilson's Texas physician assistant license and requiring Mr. Wilson to immediately cease practicing in Texas. The Board found Mr. Wilson pled guilty to the third degree felony of Practicing Medicine in Violation of the Medical Practice Act. Additionally, Mr. Wilson is the subject of a complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings alleging Mr. Wilson violated the Medical Practice Act and Physician Assistant Rules with respect to five patients. Mr. Wilson agreed to the revocation of his license and requests that the voluntary revocation be accepted by the Board in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

INAPPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING**Dial, Warren C., P.A., Lic. No. PA02720, San Antonio**

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Warren C. Dial, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Dial and requiring Mr. Dial to not re-register or obtain controlled substances registrations for a minimum of two years; within one year complete at least four hours of CME in risk management; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Mr. Dial lacked adequate supervision and routinely provided refills for Schedule II controlled substances using prescriptions pre-signed by his supervising physician and that Mr. Dial surrendered his DEA and DPS controlled substances registrations to officials upon request.

Fitzwater, Patrick Michael, P.A., Lic. No. PA02759, Houston

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Patrick Michael Fitzwater, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Fitzwater and requiring Mr. Fitzwater to within 10 days surrender his DEA and DPS controlled substances registration certificates; not treat patients for chronic pain; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); have his practice monitored by a physician for eight monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 36 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in ethics, 8 hours in pain management, 8 hours in risk management, and 8 hours in medical recordkeeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Mr. Fitzwater was employed at a pain management clinic that was not owned and operated by a physician; that Mr. Fitzwater improperly had two active DEA controlled substances registrations; and improperly issued three prescriptions for controlled substances to three patients.

Kray, Sharmae R., P.A., Lic. No. PA00786, Houston

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Sharmae R. Kray, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Ms. Kray from reregistering or otherwise obtaining controlled substances registrations; treating patients for chronic pain; requiring Ms. Kray to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2000 within 60 days. The Board found Ms. Kray engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing. Specifically, Ms. Kray failed to adequately develop and document a specific treatment plan for one patient, failed to monitor the patient's adherence to prescription instructions and dosages taken, and

failed to adequately document and discuss with the patient the risks and benefits of the proposed treatment.

Waters, Amanda B., Lic. No. PA06866, Amarillo

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Amanda B. Waters, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Ms. Waters from being granted prescription delegation for schedule III controlled substances from any physician; not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs to herself, family, or friends. Ms. Waters may self-administer or administer to immediate family only such drugs as prescribed by another physician for legitimate medical purposes and in compliance with the orders of such physician; must have her practice monitored by a physician monitor for 8 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 8 hours in medical records and 8 hours in detecting signs of drug abuse or addiction, including controlled substances; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 90 days. The Board found Ms. Waters non-therapeutically prescribed controlled substances to two patients, prescribed controlled substances to a person with a close personal relationship to her and failed to maintain adequate medical records for patients.

QUALITY OF CARE

Konneh, Despee Bockarie, P.A., Lic. No. PA05404, Houston

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Despee Bockarie Konneh, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Konneh and requiring Mr. Konneh to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); have his practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Mr. Konneh prescribed to a patient with the prescription pad of a physician who was not his supervising physician and admitted that he supervised an unlicensed individual who examined, diagnosed and issued prescriptions to patients.

Ruth, Shannon Alexander, P.A., Lic. No. PA05863, Bastrop

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Shannon Alexander Ruth, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Ms. Ruth to within one year complete at least 18 hours of CME, divided as follows: 10 hours in pharmacology and 8 hours in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 120 days. The Board found Ms. Ruth did not thoroughly follow up on a patient's diagnosis and recommendations from the discharging hospital when the patient was returned to their nursing home under the care of Ms. Ruth and her supervising physician.

Vargas, Andrew, P.A., Lic. No. PA02278, La Porte

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Andrew Vargas, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Mr. Vargas to have his practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive cycles; within seven days surrender his DEA and DPS controlled substances registration certificates; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours risk management, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within three years. The Board found Mr. Vargas failed to meet the standard of care in respect to 15 patients he prescribed controlled substances to by failing to order or consult imaging studies to verify the cause of pain he was treating and making appropriate referrals to psychiatrists/psychologists when warranted; and Mr. Vargas failed to adequately document physical examinations and mental status examinations. This order resolves a

formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

CRIMINAL CONVICTION

Graves, Cal Wade, P.A., Lic. No. PA06373, Carrollton

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Cal Wade Graves, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order suspending the license of Mr. Graves, staying the suspension, and placing Mr. Graves on probation under the following terms and conditions: agreed order shall constitute a public reprimand; Mr. Graves shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician assistant for his family, and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to himself or his immediate family; surrender his controlled substance certificates; have his supervising physician submit an evaluation of his work performance to the Board on a monthly basis; shall not practice as a physician assistant at a pain management clinic; have his practice monitored by a physician for 12 monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam). The Board found Mr. Graves was convicted of the felony offense of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and wrote prescriptions in an inappropriate manner for controlled substances and dangerous drugs to himself, family members, and others in which there was a close personal relationship.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Kacal, Michael John, P.A., Lic. No. PA03371, Waxahachie

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Michael John Kacal, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Mr. Kacal to not re-register or obtain DEA or DPS controlled substances certificates; and not be granted prescription delegation for controlled substances from any physician. The Board found Mr. Kacal admitted he was impaired through the consumption of addiction forming medications and had called in prescriptions under family members' names for his own use.

Murphy, Kasey, P.A., Lic. No. PA02276, DeSoto

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Kasey Murphy, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Ms. Murphy's Texas physician assistant license until Ms. Murphy appears before the Board and provides evidence that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Ms. Murphy continuously violated the terms of her Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) agreement.

West, David Carl, P.A., Lic. No. PA06175, Pasadena

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and David Carl West, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order restricting Mr. West from treating female patients in any capacity without the presence of a chaperone, including but not limited to consultants, examinations, and diagnoses; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination (JP Exam); and within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Mr. West performed pelvic and rectal examinations on two patients who presented for pre-employment physicals, but he failed to appropriately document these examinations; failed to document justifications for and findings of the examination and failed to offer and/or document the offering of a chaperone to the patients.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR BOARD ORDER

Burkhart-Webb, Allison, P.A., Lic. No. PA02327, McKinney

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Allison

Burkhart-Webb, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Ms. Burkhart-Webb's 2009 Agreed Order, extending the term of the order to three years. The Board found Ms. Burkhart-Webb violated the 2009 Order when her tests results were positive for prohibited substances, while undergoing treatment for lower back pain.

Cahero, Nichole G., P.A., Lic. No. PA03627, Del Rio

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Nichole G. Cahero, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Ms. Cahero's 2012 Agreed Order, requiring Ms. Cahero to within 90 days complete 6.5 hours of CME in medical record keeping or risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Ms. Cahero failed to obtain CME required by her 2012 order.

Kett, Mark Henry, P.A., Lic. No. PA00431, Carrollton

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Mark Henry Kett, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order lifting the Temporary Suspension of Mr. Kett's license and placing him on probation for two years. The order requires Mr. Kett to within 90 days complete 8 hours of Category I CME in risk management; become BCLS and ACLS certified; for a period of six months, Mr. Kett's supervising physician shall provide monthly status reports regarding Mr. Kett's transition back into full-time practice; Mr. Kett may reapply for and obtain DEA and DPS controlled substances registrations, but shall not reregister or obtain either the DEA or DPS controlled substances registrations for Schedules II and III; and for period of two years from the date the suspension is lifted, Mr. Kett shall abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances. The Board found Mr. Kett violated the terms of his Mediated Agreed Order by testing positive for THC, which is specifically prohibited by the terms of the order.

Radke, Frank A., P.A., Lic. No. PA00971, Boyd

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Frank A. Radke, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Mr. Radke's license and prohibiting Mr. Radke from practicing as a physician assistant until Mr. Radke has undergone an independent medical evaluation and followed recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Mr. Radke failed to comply with the terms of his 2012 Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners Disciplinary Actions

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Swan, Gary L., L.Ac., Lic. No. AC00020, Universal City

On October 25, 2013, the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners and Gary L. Swan, L.Ac., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Swan voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas acupuncture license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Swan was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations that he failed to complete continuing acupuncture education requirements to maintain his license.

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Physician Licenses

The Texas Medical Board issued 709 physician licenses between September 1, 2013 and December 11, 2013.

Congratulations to the following:

Mohamad Ahmad Abdalla, M.D.

Raghad Muhsin Abdul Karim, M.D.

Asif Abdullah, M.D.

Ali Abedi, M.D.

Amanda Kulick Abramson, M.D.

George Oladipo Adesina, M.D.

Ore-Ofe Oluwaseun Adesina, M.D.

Kiranmayi Adimoolam, M.D.

Fekadu Admasu, D.O.

Rahima Afroza, M.D.

Sanjay Agarwal, M.D.

Gitika Aggarwal, M.D.

Nipun Anil Aggarwal, M.D.

Neeraj Agrawal, M.D.

Vivian Del Carmen Aguilar, M.D.

Adeel Ahmad, M.D.

Adnan Ahmed, M.D.

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Mohammed Al-Zoubaidi, M.D.

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Rita I Anighoro, M.D.

Obiageli Enuma Anyaogu, M.D.

Elumalai Appachi, M.D.

Sunil Aradhya, M.D.

Hazem Arafah, M.D.

Kresimir Aralica, M.D.

Garima Arora, M.D.

Adeola Grace Atilade, M.D.

Philippa Margaret Augustin, M.D.

Anthony Azakie, M.D.

Nalini S Baijnath, M.D.

Leomar Y Ballester-Fuentes, M.D.

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Jeremy Ryan Bates, M.D.

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Fethi Yasser Benraouane, M.D.

Gail Bentley, M.D.

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Sonia Liliana Betancourt Cuellar, M.D.

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Sivasubramanium Bhavani, M.D.

Itamar Birnbaum, M.D.

Jessica Ann Bischoff, D.O.

Patrick Bise, M.D.

Garrett Douglas Blundell, M.D.

Brian Taylor Boies, M.D.

Christie Lynn Boils, M.D.

Kurt Robert Bolin, M.D.	Adrian Casillas, M.D.	Kathryn N Danesi, M.D.
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Bradley Allen Boone, M.D.	New Physician Licensees	Lynne Marie Mckeown Day, M.D.
Paula C Bordelon, D.O.	Srinivasu Chamarthy, M.D.	Johannes De Riese, M.D.
Timothy Eugene Borden, D.O.	Doris Wun Chan, D.O.	Noah Charles Degarmo, M.D.
Paul-Moreau Bossous, M.D.	Kara Lynn Chan, M.D.	Marc Stephen Demyun, M.D.
Audra Gale Bowman, M.D.	Mahesh Changlani, M.D.	Sarah Fall Denniston, M.D.
Conrad Bryson Bowman, M.D.	Sirinan Chantornsang, M.D.	Dhananjay Shripad Deoskar, M.D.
Kevin Patrick Boyd, M.D.	Afshan Afzal Chaudhry, M.D.	Chirag Kirit Desai, M.D.
Jeremy Scott Brady, M.D.	Muhammad Kashif Chaudhry, M.D.	Madhuri Rao Devdhar, M.D.
Anantha Lakshmi Brahmamdam, M.D.	Hui Chen, M.D.	Adi Diab, M.D.
Carla Celeste Braxton, M.D.	Raymond Yen-Tong Cheng, M.D.	Wei-Min Djajadi, M.D.
Beau Briese, M.D.	Ali Nasir Chhotani, M.D.	David Thuy Doan, M.D.
Christopher Michael Broadway, M.D.	Noah Benjamin Chinitz, M.D.	Phuongdoan Lam Doan, D.O.
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