# **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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### TMB disciplines 80 physicians at June meeting, adopts rule changes

At its June 14, 2019 meeting, the Texas Medical Board disciplined 80 licensed physicians.

The disciplinary actions included: seventeen orders related to quality of care violations, eleven orders related to unprofessional conduct, three revocations, fourteen voluntary surrenders/revocations, one suspension, one termination of suspension, four orders related to nontherapeutic prescribing, one order related to improper prescribing, four orders related to peer review action, five orders related to improper supervision or delegation, five orders related to violation of prior Board order, four orders related to other states' actions, one order related to violation of Board rules, three orders related to inadequate medical records, six orders related to impairment, and one order regarding a medical physicist. The Board also ratified six agreed cease and desist orders.

The Board issued 361 physician licenses at the June meeting, bringing the total number of physician licenses issued in FY19 to 3,887.

### **RULE CHANGES ADOPTED**

#### CHAPTER 172. TEMPORARY AND LIMITED LICENSES

#### New Subchapter D, Disaster Emergency Rule §172.20 and §172.21.

New Rule **§172.20**, relating to <u>Physician Practice and Limited License for Disasters and Emergencies</u>, provides two methods for an out of state physician to be approved to practice in the event of a disaster. One method is hospital-to-hospital credentialing, which will not require the physician to apply for and obtain a license. This method will allow qualified out of state physicians to come to Texas and practice medicine at a Texas licensed hospital at the request of that facility. The second method allows a qualified out of state physician to obtain a limited emergency license if the physician has been requested by a Texas sponsoring physician to assist in the disaster or emergency.

New Rule **§172.21**, relating to <u>Other Health Care Providers Practice and Limited License for Disasters and Emergencies</u>, provides a method for out of state licensees, permit holders, and certificate holders, other than physicians, who practice in healthcare areas subject to regulation by the Board, to obtain authority to practice in Texas during a disaster. These providers must practice under the supervision and delegation of a physician and the supervising physician must be licensed in Texas.

#### **CHAPTER 183. ACUPUNCTURE**

The amendments to **§183.20**, concerning <u>Continuing Acupuncture Education</u>, change CAE requirements so that hours from courses that relate to business practices and office administration will be optional rather than required. Further amendments reduce the number of required core hours in the topics of ethics and safety from four to two.

#### **CHAPTER 185. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

New Rule **§185.32**, concerning <u>Training and Registration Requirements for Physician Assistants Performing Radiologic</u> <u>Procedures</u>, concerns a physician assistant's performance of medical radiologic technology procedures ordered by a delegating and supervising physician. The rule is based upon Section 601.254 of the Texas Occupations Code, which requires the Physician Assistant Board to set forth rules related to training requirements for physician assistants performing such procedures.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

### **QUALITY OF CARE**

### Backardjiev, George, M.D., Lic. No. N4270, Elmhurst, IL

On June 14, 2019, the Board and George Backardjiev, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing prohibiting Dr. Backardjiev from practicing medicine in the state of Texas until he requests in writing to resume practice and appears before the Board to provide evidence that adequately indicates that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Backardjiev violated the standard of care with regard to the care and treatment of six obstetric patients and their newborns, specifically in the use of forceps-assisted delivery. Dr. Backardjiev's hospital privileges were summarily suspended based on peer review findings and he later tendered his resignation in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### Battle, Robert McRee, M.D., Lic. No. D2355, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Robert McRee Battle, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring publicly reprimanding Dr. Battle and requiring him 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 risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Battle violated the standard of care during the treatment of one patient and failed to maintain adequate medical records for the provision of complementary and alternative medicine during the treatment of one patient. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### Castaneda, Jose Luis, M.D., Lic. No. F3818, Brownsville

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Jose Luis Castaneda, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Castaneda and requiring him be monitored by an onsite Board-approved physician proctor; have his patient charts reviewed for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; 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 and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours each in pediatrics, electronic medical records and medical billing and coding; and within 60 days begin paying an administrative penalty of \$3,000 in \$500 per month payments. The Board found Dr. Castaneda violated the standard of care with regard to nine pediatric patients and one special needs adult. Specifically, he rendered diagnoses and provided treatments that were not medically indicated and were often not complementary, failed to follow adequate protocols for many well-child visits for multiple patients, and failed to maintain adequate medical and billing records.

## Chowdhury, Tajul I.M. Shams, M.D., Lic. No. G6486, Edinburg

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Tajul I.M. Shams Chowdhury, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in drug seeking behavior and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Chowdhury violated the standard of care with regard to several patients to whom he recurrently prescribed large amounts of controlled substances and improperly billed multiple patients for services that were not supported by patient medical records or other documentation.

## Deshmukh, Avi Trimbak, M.D., Lic. No. H1067, Weatherford

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Avi Trimbak Deshmukh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him within 30 days schedule an assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) program; during the pendency of the assessment, Dr. Deshmukh must undergo proctoring by a Board-approved proctor on any and all patients suspected to involve prostate cancer; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in prostate cancer diagnosis and four hours in prostate cancer

management. The Board found Dr. Deshmukh failed to meet the standard of care by failing to adequately assess a patient's prostate cancer.

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

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Lisa Diane Fairweather, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Fairweather and requiring her to have her practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 14 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, four hours in drug interactions and two hours in treatment of the impaired patient. The Board found Dr. Fairweather prescribed Lunesta and Ambien to one patient who was noncompliant with alcohol use disorder and prescribed Ritalin and Adderall to another patient who had a high risk for noncompliance and medication misuse that was consuming alcohol. Dr. Fairweather failed to create and maintain adequate and legible medical records.

## Jayaseelan, Nirmal Samuel, M.D., Lic. No. K8233, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Nirmal Samuel Jayaseelan, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for six consecutive monitoring cycles; 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 revision bariatric surgery; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Jayaseelan failed to do a timely work-up that may have caused a delay in diagnosis for a post-operative complication and failed to maintain adequate medical records for six patients for which he performed either a gastric bypass surgery, revision to a gastric sleeve procedure, and/or cecostomy closure.

# Kidd, Avian Deshiver, M.D., Lic. No. M1829, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Avian Deshiver Kidd, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the prescribing course and the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; have his practice monitored by another physician for 20 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, eight hours in chronic pain treatment and eight hours in supervision of midlevels; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$12,000. The Board found Dr. Kidd's medical records do not adequately reflect his prescription rationale, nor do they adequately document the care and treatment provided to the patients and did not keep protocols for his nurse delegates.

## Long, John K., M.D., Lic. No. E4487, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and John K. Long, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 44 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in post-operative surgical care, eight hours in medical ethics, eight hours in risk management and 12 hours in supervision and/or delegation. The Board found Dr. Long failed to meet the standard of care when he failed to do appropriate post-operative surgical care for a patient, failed to appropriately delegate to an office administrator to medically evaluate the patient on two occasions, and did not properly bill one drainage procedure.

## Mankins, Mark L., M.D., Lic. No. H0599, Olney

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Mark L. Mankins, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in patient drug-seeking. The Board found Dr. Mankins failed to meet the standard of care with respect to a chronic pain patient who returned from rehab. Dr. Mankins should have modified his treatment or referred the patient based upon information that the patient had been through detox.

## McDaniel, Renny, M.D., Lic. No. Q4631, Cuero

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Renny McDaniel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in patient communication and eight hours

in risk management. The Board found Dr. McDaniel violated the standard of care with respect to three patients and had his hospital privileges suspended pending an investigation into the cases.

## McGonagle, Martin Eugene, M.D., Lic. No. G6563, Brownwood

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Martin Eugene McGonagle, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. McGonagle and restricting his practice under the following terms: restricted from practicing plastic and cosmetic surgery, may perform non-surgical cosmetic procedures; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. McGonagle failed to meet the standard of care for a patient by failing to follow up on complications and provide treatment following a breast augmentation procedure.

## Robinson, Karl, M.D., Lic. No. F7588, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Karl Robinson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 30 days present a Disclosure Form to the Executive Director of the Board for review and provide the form to every patient currently undergoing, or who will undergo, any Complementary and Alternative Medicine testing and treatment by Dr. Robinson and shall include the written disclosures as required by Board Rule 200.3(2); and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Robinson did not perform a blood test to effectively diagnose the condition of aluminum poisoning for which he was treating a pediatric patient, and did not adequately document the care and treatment provided to two pediatric patients. Dr. Robison confirmed that he did not have a disclosure form or informed consent form that patients sign as required by Chapter 200 of Board rules for treatment with complementary and alternative medicine.

# Sij, Mark William, D.O., Lic. No. K9421, Kaufman

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Mark William Sij, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management, four hours in sleep disorders, four hours in treatment of chronic pain and four hours in pharmacology. The Board found Dr. Sij failed to comply with Board's pain management standards and regulations, failed to use proper diligence by referring the patient to a sub-specialist to address the patient's underlying medical conditions and failed to maintain adequate medical records for the patient.

## Sloman-Moll, Erik R., M.D., Lic. No. K6333, Laredo

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Erik R. Sloman-Moll, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring that his practice be monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in complex pediatric surgical cases; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Sloman-Moll failed to meet the standard of care for a 10-month-old patient that was diagnosed with a thyroglossal duct cyst. During and after surgery, Dr. Sloman-Moll failed to recognize and adequately repair a laryngeal and cricoid cartilage injury that had occurred during surgery.

## Suarez, Claudia Emma, M.D., Lic. No. L8521, El Paso

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Claudia Emma Suarez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring her to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours high risk pregnancies and eight hours in in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500. The Board found Dr. Suarez failed to adequately communicate with nursing staff regarding the medical condition of one patient and her unborn infant. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## Ver Halen, Jon Peter, M.D., Lic. No. N1940, Colleyville

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Jon Peter Ver Halen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Ver Halen, suspending his license; however, the suspension is stayed after 90 days and he is placed on probation under the following terms: shall have a chaperone present anytime Dr. Ver Halen performs a physical examination on a female patient; within seven days modify his DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate to eliminate Schedules II and III controlled substances; limit his medical practice, including any office and inpatient practice, to a group or institutional setting approved in advance by the Board; shall not register with the Board to provide office-based anesthesia; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family or those with whom he has a close personal relationship and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or

dangerous drugs with addictive potential to himself, immediate family or those with whom he has a close, personal relationship; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the PACE program; within one year complete the PROBE Ethics and Boundaries Program offered by CPEP; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000. The Board found Dr. Ver Halen performed a liposuction procedure on a patient at an improperly equipped medical/dental office without appropriate office-based anesthesia services, prescribed weight-loss medications to eleven patients without performing proper examinations and monitoring the patients, and prescribed controlled substances and performed surgical procedures without maintaining adequate medical records. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

#### Armani, Abraham, M.D., L3561, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Abraham Armani, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Armani and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Armani executed an Agreed Final Judgement and Permanent Injunction agreeing to exclusion from the Medicaid program and payment of more than \$22 million dollars as a settlement in connection with Medicaid fraud charges.

### Avila, Rafael Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. K5785, Mission

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Rafael Antonio Avila, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Avila and requiring him to have a chaperone present anytime he performs a physical examination on a female patient; and within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found a patient made a police report alleging inappropriate sexual contact. Dr. Avila denies the allegations made and maintains there was a chaperone in the room during the exam but does not recall the name of the chaperone. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### Green, Richard Neal, M.D., Lic. No. D8242, Corsicana

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Richard Neal Green, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in physician-patient boundaries; and requiring him to have a chaperone present anytime he performs a physical examination on a female patient. The Board found Dr. Green performed a breast examination while sitting behind the patient without a chaperone in the room and failed to document a visual inspection of the patient's breasts per the standard of care.

#### Jenks, Michael Jeffrey, M.D., Lic. No. L1083, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Michael Jeffrey Jenks, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Jenks and requiring him to within 30 days comply with the Board rule related to practice closure and notification of patients; comply with all terms of the Order of Deferred Adjudication entered in November 2017; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and four hours in ethics. The Board found Dr. Jenks engaged in unprofessional conduct when he failed to properly notify his patients of his practice closure or provide a means by which patients could obtain their medical records. Additionally, Dr. Jenks is on probation through November 30, 2019, for two misdemeanor charges – domestic violence and evading arrest. No adjudication of guilt has been entered and all other charges dismissed.

#### Jones, Wayne Charles, M.D., Lic. No. D6049, Richardson

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Wayne Charles Jones, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order restricting his practice under the following terms: shall not care, treat, or prescribe to any female patients; within 60 days undergo a competency evaluation to determine whether he is physically, mentally, or otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence shall include, at a minimum, medical records and reports of psychological and neuropsychiatric evaluations; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Jones inappropriately touched a patient while making inappropriate comments during an office visit and without having a chaperone present.

## Perez, Danielo, M.D., Lic. No. N5939, Austin

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Danielo Perez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Perez and requiring him to within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations made for care and treatment; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Perez pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of attempt to commit invasive visual recording and received deferred adjudication.

## Saigusa, Makoto, M.D., Lic. No. K0551, Tyler

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Makoto Saigusa, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his billing practice monitored for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in billing and medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Saigusa failed to refund a patient's overpaid medical bills or turn over the unclaimed overpayments to the Comptroller's office within three years of the date of service.

## Sankar, Aravind, M.D., Lic. No. L0564, Austin

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Aravind Sankar, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Sankar and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Sankar's clinical privileges and medical staff membership were relinquished due to arrest charges related to assaults against previous girlfriends. Dr. Sankar did not disclose his arrests in past license renewals. On September 21, 2018, Dr. Sankar pleaded guilty to a 2014 aggravated assault by strangulation/suffocation felony charges, and was granted deferred adjudication with six years of probation.

## Singleton, David Lynn, M.D., Lic. No. J4522, Humble

On June 14, 2019, the Board and David Lynn Singleton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, four hours in risk management and four hours in billing and medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Singleton failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of a chronic pain patient and was complicit in the fraudulent insurance activities of a diagnostic imaging center.

## Terres, Jayson John, M.D., Lic. No. M4965, Tyler

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Jayson John Terres, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his billing practice monitored for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in billing and medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Terres failed to refund a patient's overpaid medical bills or turn over the unclaimed overpayments to the Comptroller's office within three years of the date of service.

# White, Stephen Vincent, M.D., Lic. No. D7711, Spring

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Stephen Vincent White, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. White and prohibiting him from performing all non-surgical medical cosmetic procedures for five years; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within 60 days complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in ethics; shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive or any authority to a physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, or supervise a surgical assistant or a medical assistant for all non-surgical medical cosmetic procedures for five years. The Board found Dr. White aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine. Specifically, he helped an individual obtain non-FDA approved Botox and Juvederm from Canada, as well as providing his medical license for use by a spa. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### REVOCATION

#### Craig, Gazelle, D.O., Lic. No. Q2757, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board entered a Final Order regarding Gazelle Craig, D.O., revoking her Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Craig, who was under suspension, was convicted on four felony counts related to unlawful distribution of controlled substances and was sentenced to federal prison. The action was based on the findings of an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Craig has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

#### Echols, Daalon Braundre, M.D., Lic. No. M4049, Manvel

On June 14, 2019, the Board entered a Final Order regarding Daalon Braundre Echols, M.D., revoking his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Echols failed to meet the standard of care in regards to his treatment of a patient with whom he also initiated an inappropriate sexual relationship, including his failure to address possible indications of the patient's narcotic overuse. Additionally, Dr. Echols was disciplined by United Regional Healthcare System of Wichita Falls based on unprofessional conduct or professional incompetence that was likely to harm the public. The action was based on the findings of an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Echols has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

#### Ozumba, Donald Okechukwu, M.D., Lic. No. M1994, McKinney

On June 14, 2019, the Board entered a Final Order regarding Donald Okechukwu Ozumba, M.D., revoking his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Ozumba, who was under suspension, was convicted of first-degree felony offense of aggravated assault of an elderly/disabled person and sentenced to ten years' confinement. The action was based on the findings of an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Ozumba has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

#### **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCATION**

#### Barnhardt, Mark Alan, D.O., Lic. No. L2127, Fort Sam Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Mark Alan Barnhardt, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation in which Dr. Barnhardt voluntarily agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license. Dr. Barnhardt was arrested for, and pled guilty to, one felony count of indecency with a child.

#### Biddix, Jerry Wayne, M.D., Lic. No. E3855, Abilene

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Jerry Wayne Biddix, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Biddix agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Biddix was under investigation for allegations related to violating his 2018 Order.

#### Chavda, Deepak K., M.D., Lic. No. J5282, North Richland Hills

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Deepak V. Chavda, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Chavda entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Chavda agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Chavda is under investigation based on a federal indictment.

#### Davenport, Dewitt, M.D., Lic. No. F9348, Edinburg

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Dewitt Davenport, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Davenport agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Davenport indicated his desire to surrender his medical license rather than continuing to serve under his 2011 Order.

#### Grusd, Ronald Selwyn, M.D., Lic. No. F1040, Los Angeles, CA

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Ronald Selwyn Grusd, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Grusd agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Grusd is currently incarcerated in federal prison in Lompoc, California following his conviction by a jury of 39 charges related to health care fraud.

#### Klott, Carlo Lee, M.D., Lic. No. H1294, Groesbeck

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Carlo Lee Klott, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Klott agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Klott pled guilty to knowingly and intentionally distributing Hydrocodone to a person who was not a patient.

#### Meidell, Robert S., M.D., Lic. No. G6217, Fort Worth

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Robert S. Meidell, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Meidell agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Meidell was under investigation following his failure to comply with the terms of his agreement with the Texas Physician Health Program.

### Merck, Daniel Michael, M.D., Lic. No. R5777, San Antonio

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Daniel Michael Merck, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Merck agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Merck was under investigation following his indictment for Conspiracy to Unlawfully Distribute and Dispense Controlled Substances.

### Rambo, Catherine Ann. M.D., Lic. No. H3507, Pottsboro

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Catherine Anne Rambo, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Rambo agreed to voluntarily surrender her Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Rambo self-reported to the Board that she has a medical/physical condition that precludes her from practicing medicine at this time.

### Saqer, Rezik A., M.D., Lic. No. K2282, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Rezik A. Saqer, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Saqer agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Saqer was under investigation for allegations of failing to properly treat multiple pain patients.

## Thigpen, Brad Dewayne, D.O., Lic. No. K5716, Abilene

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Brad Dewayne Thigpen, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Thigpen agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Thigpen reports having a medical condition that prevents him from practicing at this time.

#### Vermillion, David L., M.D., Lic. No. L9588, Lubbock

On June 14, 2019, the Board and David L. Vermillion, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Revocation in which Dr. Vermillion agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Vermillion had previously had his license suspended due to arrests for violating a protective order and failing multiple drug tests.

#### Williams, Reginald Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. N1224, El Paso

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Reginald Antonio Williams, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Williams agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Williams is serving a 36-month prison term following his guilty plea related to distribution of controlled substances.

#### Wilson, Eileen, D.O., Lic. No. Q9090, Longview

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Eileen Wilson, D.O., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Wilson agreed to voluntarily surrender her Texas medical license in lieu of further proceedings. Dr. Wilson acknowledged suffering from an illness which currently precludes her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

#### Salinas, Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. G8394, Laredo

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Antonio Salinas, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Suspension, suspending Dr. Salinas' Texas medical license until such a time as he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted and appears before the Board to provide evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence shall include, at a minimum, the complete and final resolution of any and all criminal charges and investigations that are pending, and any additional charges that may be brought related to his criminal case. If Dr. Salinas is incarcerated following a felony conviction, he agrees to surrender his license. The Board found Dr. Salinas has been indicted on 36 counts of possession of child pornography, all third degree felonies.

### **TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION**

#### Rodrigues, Stephen Sebastian, M.D., Lic. No. K3434, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Stephen Sebastian Rodrigues, M.D., entered into a Modified Agreed Order, modifying his June 2018 Order. The modification lifts his temporary suspension and requires him to within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Rodrigues was required by his 2018 order to undergo an independent medical evaluation, which concluded that he was not impaired due to a mental or physical condition.

#### NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

### Kugler, Carlos David, M.D., Lic. No. M9431, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Carlos David Kugler, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to within 14 days modify his DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate to eliminate Schedule II controlled substances; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping and prescribing courses offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Kugler nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to four patients, failed to maintain adequate medical records with regard to the care provided, and failed to produce billing records for the treatment provided to the patients. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## Mendez, Leovares Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. K9127, Garland

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Leovares Antonio Mendez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order, lifting Dr. Mendez' suspension and requiring him to within seven days surrender his DEA Controlled Substances Registration and not reregister without prior Board approval; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical recordkeeping; comply with all terms of his court-ordered Temporary Restraining Order and/or subsequent Temporary Injunction Order; and within 120 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Mendez violated the standard of care by prescribing controlled substances to one patient without appropriate documentation of the physical exam, and a Federal Temporary Restraining Order was entered against Dr. Mendez for issuing prescriptions for a variety of controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose.

## Singleton, Wright Wiley, M.D., Lic. No. J0266, Hurst

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Wright Wiley Singleton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in addiction recognition and four hours in opioid use or prescribing; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Singleton failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of three patients by failing to document his medical rationale for issuing multiple prescriptions and failing to adequately monitor them for abuse or diversion.

#### Stoufflet, Paul Eric, M.D., Lic. No. H8440, Austin

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Paul Eric Stoufflet, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him and placing him under the following terms: shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family, and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential for himself or immediate family; within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation from a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in amphetamines prescribing in patients with co-morbidities; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Stoufflet nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to 13 patients without proper evaluation and monitoring, violated the terms of his prior Orders, prescribed to an individual with whom he had a close personal relationship for a period beyond immediate need; used alcohol in an intemperate manner and had several alcohol-related arrests.

## **IMPROPER PRESCRIBING**

## Rios, Charles Michael, M.D., Lic. No. F5723, Grapevine

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Charles Michael Rios, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management and four hours in ethics; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer, or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential to himself or immediate family; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Rios improperly prescribed to a family member without relying on medical records or medical history and did not ensure adult supervision or control over compliance with the usage of the medication prescribed.

#### PEER REVIEW ACTION

## Adonis, Michel John, M.D., Lic. No. Q8195, Fort Worth

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Michel John Adonis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Adonis and requiring him to within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least four hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Adonis violated hospital policy and his employment was terminated for a non-sexual boundary violation with a patient's mother.

#### Davis, Nora, M.D., Lic. No. J4071, Rusk

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Nora Davis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Davis and requiring her 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 12 hours of inperson CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical records and four hours in ethics; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Davis failed to maintain adequate medical records and was disciplined by her peers for improperly completing process notes and billing records for nine patients.

## Farrell, Robert William, M.D., Lic. No. G2697, Webster

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Robert William Farrell, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 30 days schedule an assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) program; shall not practice medicine in Texas until such a time as he appears before the Board to provide evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence shall include, at a minimum, successful completion of the KSTAR Fitness for Duty evaluation and that he has implemented any remedial measures; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant

or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Farrell was suspended by Clear Lake Regional Medical Center for concerns relating to his cognitive and/or physical condition.

### Lairmore, Terry C., M.D., Lic. No. M1193, Belton

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Terry C. Lairmore, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: the suspension entered on January 3, 2019, remains in full force and effect; Dr. Lairmore may appear before the Board no sooner than August 14, 2019 to request his suspension be lifted; and if he appears before the Board to request lifting his suspension he must present clear evidence that he is safe to practice medicine under any terms and conditions to be determined at the ISC. The Board found Dr. Lairmore was terminated by a health care entity following his refusal to provide a sample for drug testing for suspected impairment.

### IMPROPER SUPERVISION OR DELEGATION

#### Brown, George Erwin, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. L8288, Deer Park

On June 14, 2019, the Board and George Erwin Brown, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order restricting his license under the following terms through August 13, 2019: shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to midlevel practitioners outside his current practice setting at Occucare International; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervising and delegating prescriptive authority to midlevel practitioners and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Brown failed to adequately supervise two advanced nurse practitioners during the year and a half that he acted as their supervising physician, including having no written agreement to establish the scope of their delegated practice and prescribing authorities. Dr. Brown failed to select medical charts to be reviewed instead relying on their choosing of the charts to be reviewed.

### Fulp, Ray R. Trey, III, D.O., Lic. No. J7963, McAllen

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Ray R. Trey Fulp, III, D.O., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management, four hours in wound treatment and four hours in delegation. The Board found Dr. Fulp failed to properly supervise his physician assistant's documentation of post-operative wound care and failed to maintain adequate medical records. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## Pinkston, Marianne Johnna, M.D., Lic. No. K9871, San Antonio

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Marianne Johnna Pinkston, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within 60 days provide all prescriptive authority agreements, standing protocols and standing medical orders for all physician assistants, advanced practice nurses and other midlevels practicing under her supervision; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within six months complete at least four hours of in-person CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. Pinkston failed to adequately supervise midlevels and failed to maintain adequate records related to their supervision.

## Rush, William Nevins, M.D, Lic. No. E3155, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and William Nevins Rush, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management and four hours in informed consent. The Board found Dr. Rush inadequately supervised an advanced practice registered nurse who failed to obtain proper informed consent for injections given to a patient and failed to have written protocols and guidelines for a patient.

## Tijmes, Jorge E., M.D., Lic. No. E3784, McAllen

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Jorge E. Tijmes, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervision and delegation of midlevel practitioners and four hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$4,000. The Board found

Dr. Tijmes inappropriately delegated post-operative care to a physician assistant and failed to maintain adequate medical records with regards to two patients.

#### **VIOLATION OF PRIOR BOARD ORDER**

#### Escobedo, Michael Scott, D.O., Lic. No. K0463, Austin

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Michael Scott Escobedo, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from performing plastic or cosmetic surgery in Texas until such a time as he requests in writing to resume the practice of plastic or cosmetic surgery and appears before the Board to provide evidence that he may resume the practice. Evidence shall include at a minimum: completed Texas A&M Health Science Center Rural and Community Health Institute (KSTAR) assessment in cosmetic surgery and the results of the assessment. The Board found Dr. Escobedo violated his 2017 Order by failing to schedule a KSTAR assessment.

#### Fath, Steven Wade, M.D., Lic. No. K8144, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Steven Wade Fath, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Fath violated his 2017 Order by failing to cooperate with Board staff.

#### Jakubowski, Robert Gerard, M.D., Lic. No. G9479, San Antonio

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Robert Gerard Jakubowski, M.D., entered into a Modified Agreed Order, modifying his August 2014 Order. The modification requires him to within one year complete at least eight hours of in-person CME in prescribing controlled substances; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Jakubowski violated the terms of his 2018 Order by prescribing controlled substances to four patients. All other terms of the order remain in full effect. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### Kim, Cheor Jung, M.D., Lic. No. E2650, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Cheor Jung Kim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Kim violated his 2018 Order which restricted him from prescribing certain medications.

#### Michaels, Brooks, M.D., Lic. No. Q5228, Pflugerville

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Brooks Michaels, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Michaels and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Michaels, who is under an order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in Texas, violated his 2018 Order by ordering an MRI for a patient who resides in Texas.

#### **OTHER STATE'S ACTIONS**

#### Bhoot, Nilesh Harilal, M.D., Lic. No. M9862, Montrose, CA

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Nilesh Harilal Bhoot, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. Bhoot was disciplined by the Medical Board of California which arose from his failure to review a patient's medical record in her presence.

#### Elder, Lana A., M.D., Lic. No. Q3668, Stuart, FL

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Lana A. Elder, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to comply with all terms of the Consent Order entered by the Michigan Board of Medicine on March 12, 2018. The Board found Dr. Elder was disciplined by the Michigan Board of Medicine related to her DEA number being used fraudulently after working at a pain management clinic.

#### Fatteh, Parvez M., M.D., Lic. No. M0069, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Parvez M. Fatteh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Fatteh and prohibiting him from directly or indirectly billing and/or providing any medical services that will ultimately be billed to and/or be reimbursed by a Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier in California until such a time as he completes

his probation in California. The Board found Dr. Fatteh's California license was restricted based on his misdemeanor conviction for receiving rebates in exchange for patient referrals.

### Lewis, Moshe Miller, M.D., Lic. No. AM00065, San Ramon, CA

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Moshe Miller Lewis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to comply with all terms of the California Medical Board's order. The Board found Dr. Lewis was disciplined by the Medical Board of California for negligent prescribing and inadequate medical recordkeeping for three patients.

#### **VIOLATION OF BOARD RULES**

#### Cantu-Willman, Raul Sergio, M.D., Lic. No. E2997, Laredo

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Raul Sergio Cantu-Willman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing under the following terms: if Dr. Cantu-Willman returns to the practice of cosmetic surgery, or performs any procedures requiring the use of office-based anesthesia, he shall be subject to eight consecutive monitoring cycles; at least 30 days prior to returning to such practice, notify the Board in writing of intent to return to such practice; 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 within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Cantu-Willman failed to maintain adequate medical records and failed to meet the requirements for the provision of office-based anesthesia. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

#### Bunker, Stephen Raymond, M.D., Lic. No. G0961, Round Rock

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Stephen Raymond Bunker, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500. The Board found Dr. Bunker failed to maintain an adequate medical record for one patient. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### Fults, Kenneth, D.O., Lic. No. D5384, Tyler

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Kenneth Fults, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Fults failed to maintain adequate medical records for two patients.

#### Wolski, Edward Frank, M.D., Lic. No. F7964, Denton

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Edward Frank Wolski, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of in-person CME in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Wolski failed to maintain adequate medical records during the treatment of a patient in 2010. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

#### **IMPAIRMENT**

#### Curtis, Jacqueline Geneva, M.D., Lic. No. Q8040, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Jacqueline Geneva Curtis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: shall not practice in Texas until she requests in writing to resume practice and appears before the Board to provide evidence that adequately indicates that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine, which at a minimum must include results of an independent medical evaluation; within 30 days undergo an independent medical evaluation by a board certified psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Curtis while completing her orientation and training as a locum tenens contract physician, was found by colleagues to be unfit for duty, was terminated, and transported to an emergency room.

#### Gossett, Carl W., M.D., Lic. No. G3403, Fort Worth

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Carl W. Gossett, M.D., entered into and Agreed Order under the following terms for a period of five years: abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; and within 30 days obtain a Board-approved physician and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Gossett's independent medical evaluation recommended Board monitoring and drug testing based on his history of nontherapeutic prescribing and disciplinary history.

### Ibarra, Aurelio, M.D., Lic. No. N4489, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Aurelio Ibarra, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP). The Board found Dr. Ibarra has been suspected of impairment due to alcohol abuse. Specifically, on November 4, 2018, Dallas Area Rapid Transit responded to a call regarding an intoxicated person on a DART platform. Officers found Dr. Ibarra unable to stand on his own and reported he had been drinking all day. Dr. Ibarra has self-referred to TXPHP but has not yet undergone an initial evaluation or completed testing.

### Quinones, Armando, M.D., Lic. No. L3790, San Antonio

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Armando Quinones, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program. The Board found Dr. Quinones was suspended after being impaired at work and was subsequently terminated.

### Rodriguez-Salinas, Filiberto, M.D., Lic. No. G4201, McAllen

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Filiberto Rodriguez-Salinas, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 180 days undergo an independent medical evaluation by a Board certified neurologist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and within 60 days schedule a physician competency assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Rural and Community Health Institute (KSTAR) program. The Board found Dr. Rodriguez-Salinas experiences tremors while performing surgery, improperly delegated surgical responsibilities to unqualified technicians, and has failed to follow up with medical advice for the treatment of his condition, which poses a potential danger to patients.

#### Turner, Kelly James, M.D., Lic. No. L4152, El Paso

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Kelly James Turner, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending his license; however, the suspension is stayed and Dr. Turner is placed on probation under the following terms for 10 years: limit his practice to administrative medicine and shall have no patient contact, prescribe, or supervise or delegate prescriptive authority; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and receive treatment no less than two times each month; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than three times a week; and participate in the activities of a county or state medical society committee on physician health and rehabilitation, including weekly meetings. The Board found Dr. Turner had multiple intoxication-related arrests in 2018.

#### MEDICAL PHYSICIST

# Donovan, Lawrence, M.P., Lic. No. FMP00000323, Arlington

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Lawrence Donovan, M.P., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Donovan and requiring him to within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation from a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Mr. Donovan was arrested and pled no contest to assault of a child. Mr. Donovan did not disclose the felony conviction in a timely manner to the Department of State Health Services or to the Board when he renewed his license.

#### **CEASE AND DESIST**

# Alanis, Christina, No License, San Antonio

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Christina Alanis entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Board and prohibiting her from performing

nonsurgical medical cosmetic procedures without a physician, or midlevel practitioner with delegated authority from a physician, first evaluating and diagnosing the patient, and onsite during the procedure or available for emergency consultation in the event of an adverse outcome. The Board found Ms. Alanis engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine by performing nonsurgical cosmetic procedures without proper physician or midlevel oversight.

#### Bedford, Carla, No License, Plano

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Carla Bedford entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Board. The Board found Ms. Bedford, who is the owner and operator of Med Spa Solutions, advertised nonsurgical cosmetic procedures that can only be performed by Texas-licensed physicians or their delegates since the procedures involve the injection of medication or substances for cosmetic purposes and/or the use of prescription medical devices for cosmetic purposes.

#### Cuan, Luis Alberto, M.A., No License, Houston

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Luis Alberto Cuan, M.A., entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Board and prohibiting him from acting as, holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Cuan, who is registered as a medical assistant, registered an assumed name certificate with Harris County for an entity named Clinica Hispana Wallisville which initially identified Mr. Cuan as the sole owner. Mr. Cuan later was advertising health care-related services for the clinic. A patient who presented at the clinic complaining of severe cold symptoms was seen by Mr. Cuan and received an antibiotic injection. The patient later presented to St. Luke's Emergency Department when their condition did not improve.

#### Dang, Minh, No License, Joshua

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Minh Dang entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Board and prohibiting him from acting as, holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Dang was practicing medicine without a license.

#### Hart, Patrick W., O.M.D., A.C., No License, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Patrick W. Hart, O.M.D., A.C., entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Board and prohibiting him from acting as, holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Hart, who holds a doctorate in Oriental medicine and is licensed to practice acupuncture in the state of West Virginia, had an office in Dallas, Texas, and his website and other promotional materials advertised him as "Dr. Skip" without designating that his is a doctor of oriental medicine. Mr. Hart has since relocated his office to West Virginia effective October 23, 2018.

#### Hernandez, Mark Andrew, L.Ac., No License, Dallas

On June 14, 2019, the Board and Mark Andrew Hernandez, L.Ac., entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Board. Mr. Hernandez shall cease advertising himself as "Doctor," or "Dr." unless he identifies the healing art, acupuncture, that he is licensed to practice. The Board found Mr. Hernandez, who holds an active acupuncture license, normally identifies himself as "Dr. Mark Hernandez, L.Ac.AP.FI.Tx." and posts his education and certifications as a "Doctor of Oriental Medicine, (A.P.L.Ac.Tx.FI)." However, Mr. Hernandez advertised online in an ad stating "Dr. Mark is specialized in pain management, arthritis, depression, stress, women's issues from fertility to menopause relief." The advertisement did not identify or designate the authority under which his title was used or the college or honorary degree that gave rise to the use of the title, leading to possible confusion regarding Mr. Hernandez' credentials and qualifications to treat the ailments listed.

To view disciplinary orders, visit the TMB website, click on "Look Up A License," accept the usage terms, then type in a licensee's name. Click on the name shown in the search results to view the licensee's full profile. Within that profile is a button that says "View Board Actions."

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