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## Medical Board Suspends License of Edward Emile Louis, M.D., of Dickinson

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the license of Edward Emile Louis, M.D., license number D0953, after determining that Dr. Louis' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Friday, May 23, under the Board's authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physician's license without notice when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension took effect on May 28.

The action was based on the following findings: A peer review of Dr. Louis' performance called into question the 71-year-old physician's current level of cognitive functioning. A TMB panel reviewed five patient records and a transcript of a proceeding during which Dr. Louis was unable to demonstrate a basic fund of medical knowledge. As a result of this review, TMB determined that Dr. Louis' continued practice constitutes a continuing threat to patient health and welfare.

The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and remains in effect until the board takes further action.