

## **Texas Medical Board**

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### **Medical Board Suspends Licenses Armando Chavez, M.D., and Edmundo Cano, S.A., of Houston**

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the licenses of Armando Chavez, M.D., license number J8487, and Edmundo Cano, S.A., license number SA 00260, after determining that Dr. Chavez's continuation in the practice of medicine and Mr. Cano's continuation in practice as a surgical assistant present a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Wednesday 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 and to suspend or restrict a surgical assistant's license without notice when it determines the surgical assistant's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspensions are effective immediately.

The action against Dr. Chavez was based on the findings that he allowed Mr. Cano, a surgical assistant, to perform approximately 32 breast augmentation and/or liposuction procedures from February to April of this year. Dr. Chavez was not present, nor did he supervise the procedures performed by Mr. Cano. In addition, Dr. Chavez is not trained in breast augmentation or liposuction procedures; he is not registered to perform office-based anesthesia; he did not keep proper drug and anesthesia records; and he did not have anyone on site certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

The action against Mr. Cano was based on the findings that he practiced medicine without a license, performed procedures without the required direct supervision, and misrepresented himself to patients as a physician.

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

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The Texas Medical Board, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Information on filing a complaint is on the agency web site at [www.tmb.state.tx.us](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us) or by calling (800) 201-9353.