1998 Press Releases

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21 Doctors Disciplined

During its May 14-16 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 21 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: four revocations; nine suspensions, of which six were stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; three restrictions with various terms and conditions; four public reprimands; and two administrative penalties of \$3,500 were assessed. The Board approved the revocation of five acupuncture licenses by the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners. The Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners, during its May 8 Board meeting, suspended the license of one physician assistant, with the suspension stayed and probated under various terms and conditions.

Texans Lead Federation of State Medical Boards

At the 86th Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards in Orlando, April 30-May 2, TMB president William H. Fleming III, M.D., was elected Federation president; TMB Board member Thomas D. Kirksey, M.D., was elected to the Federation Board of Trustees, and TMB Executive Director Bruce A. Levy, M.D., J.D., was appointed to the Federation Board. The Federation is made up of 69 member boards whose primary responsibility is to protect the public through the regulation of physicians and other health care providers.

Dr. Fleming is a private practice neurologist in Houston. Dr. Kirksey is an Austin cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon. Dr. Levy serves as Executive Director of TMB at its Austin headquarters.

Proposed Rules

The Board proposed the following new rules for publication in the Texas Register and comment:

Amendment to Rule 183.13 regarding acupuncture patient records; new section 193.8 regarding delegation of pharmacist immunizations under protocol.

The Board deferred action on previously proposed amendment to Rule 165.1-165.3 concerning medical records charges.

Correction

A previous disciplinary action summary was published incorrectly; the correct summary is as follows: Brenner, John Frederick, D.O., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #F6476. An agreed order was entered on 8-9-97 requiring the physician to abide by various terms and conditions for a period of three years and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to the physician's failure to adequately communicate with other physicians in the care of a patient during July and August 1991. (Civil action settlement previously reported.)

Disciplinary actions

The following is a summary of actions taken by the full Board:

Alexander, Joe Bob, M.D., Abilene, TX, Lic. #E0780

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 publicly reprimanding Dr. Alexander with no continuing restrictions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public and violation of laws connected with practice of medicine.

Bonham, Henry Edward, M.D., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #D4076

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 indefinitely suspending the physician until criminal conviction in the U.S. District Court, Northern District Of Texas, Fort Worth Division, is finally adjudicated. Action due to felony or crime involving moral turpitude, unprofessional conduct, violation of laws connected with practice of medicine, persistent or flagrant overcharging or overtreating, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Cooper, Bruce T., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H2317

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Cormia, Frank E., Jr., M.D., Fort Collins, CO, Lic. #E3885

An order was entered on 5-16-98 staying the suspension of Dr. Cormia's license and placing Dr. Cormia on probation for 4 1/2 years under various terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional conduct and failure to

practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Fernandez, Carlos H., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #D9438

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for seven years under various terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional conduct, nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Gerson, Benjamin, M.D., Newton, MA, Lic. #G7650

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 publicly reprimanding Dr. Gerson with no continuing restrictions. Action due to failure to keep complete and accurate records of purchases and disposals of drugs and disciplinary action by another state.

Glidden, Weldon Edward, D.O., Quanah, TX, Lic. #G3397

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 staying the suspension and Dr. Glidden was placed on probation for 10 years under various terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Goldberg, Ira B., M.D., London, KY, Lic. #G6517

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the physician shall not practice medicine in Texas until such time as he requests permission in writing to resume the practice of medicine in Texas. Action due to disciplinary action by another state.

Herberman, Harvey G., M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #D4664

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license.

Hernal, Peter L., Jr., M.D., Universal City, TX, Lic. #D0910

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 restricting his license for three years under various terms and conditions. Action due to violation of board rules.

Hobbs, Bobby R., M.D., Duncanville, TX, Lic. #F8511

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Jung, Anthony Charles, M.D., Lancaster, TX, Lic. #E8604

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under various terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional conduct, violation of laws connected with practice of medicine, prescribing or dispensing to habitual user, nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, administering dangerous drugs in an improper manner, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

McCorkle, Ricky Allen, M.D., Sherman, TX, Lic. #G7286

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under various terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Payne, Steven, M.D., Katy, TX, Lic. #J0184

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Peterson, Marion G., M.D., Mesa, AZ, Lic. #C2089

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license.

Phillips, Trevor, D.O., Houston, TX, Lic. #D3954

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 restricting his license for three years under various terms and conditions. Action due to nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment.

Porres, Rafael, M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #E4046

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 placing the physician's license on probation for three years under various terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Santoscoy, Ernesto, M.D., Anthony, TX, Lic. #D3750

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license.

Spain, Michael D., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #F7188

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the physician voluntarily surrendered his license in order to avoid the expense of litigation. Action due

to unprofessional conduct, failure to keep drug records, nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Tyler, John M., Jr., M.D., Colorado Springs, CO, Lic. #H2853

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the physician shall not practice medicine in Texas until such time as he appears before the Board and provides evidence that he has completed the terms of probation of his Colorado board order. Action due to disciplinary action by another state.

Uy, Sing Dy, M.D., Odessa, TX, Lic. #F8351

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 publicly reprimanding Dr. Uy with no continuing restrictions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare, nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, and administering dangerous drugs in an improper manner.

Acupuncturists

Amiyreh, Salim K., Arlington, TX, Lic. #AC00104

A proposal for decision was heard on 5-16-98 canceling his acupuncture license. Action will not be final until all appeals have been exhausted.

Khan, Ndugu, Houston, TX, Lic. #AC00121

A proposal for decision was heard on 5-16-98 canceling his acupuncture license. Action will not be final until all appeals have been exhausted.

Lee, Rodger Kum-Soo, Missouri City, TX, Lic. #AC00088

A proposal for decision was heard on 5-16-98 canceling his acupuncture license. Action will not be final until all appeals have been exhausted.

Mubarak, Khairi R., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #AC00083

An agreed order was entered on 5-16-98 wherein the acupuncturist voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license.

Phillips, William L., Universal City, TX, Lic. #AC00195

A proposal for decision was heard on 5-16-98 revoking his acupuncture license. Action will not be final until all appeals have been exhausted.

Physician Assistants

Douglas, Robert Michael, Abilene, TX, Lic. #PA00831

An agreed order was entered 5-8-98 suspending the physician assistant's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under various terms and conditions. Action due to habitual use of intoxicants or nontherapeutic drugs which impairs safe practice, unprofessional conduct, and violation of state laws in connection with practice.

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