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Medical Board Suspends License of James S. Jones, M.D., of Lubbock

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the license of James S. Jones, M.D., license number M1806, after determining that Dr. Jones continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Friday, October 21, under the Boards authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physicians license without notice when it determines the physicians continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The action was based on Dr. Jones impairment and substance abuse. Dr. Jones was relieved of duty at the Lamb Healthcare Center when he was found with needle track marks in his arms, dilated pupils and slurred speech. Records at the LHC pharmacy indicated he was obtaining large quantities of Fentanyl, and a police search of his car found a large quantity of injectable drugs. Dr. Jones was given a medical leave of absence/suspension from the Texas Tech Health Science Center because of impairment and refusal to submit to drug testing.

The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and 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 or by calling (800) 201-9353.

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