## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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## TMB suspends San Antonio physician

On December 15, 2020, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Joel Fernandez, M.D. (Lic. No. R4387), after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that on October 19, 2020 a court ordered a continued inpatient hospitalization for Dr. Fernandez following an incident in which police were dispatched to his home and Dr. Fernandez was transported to a hospital emergency room for emergency detention due to his impaired mental state.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Fernandez, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Fernandez.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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