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Medical Board Suspends License of Alan Dale Shiller, M.D., of Palestine

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the license of Alan Dale Shiller, M.D., license number H8398, after determining that Dr. Shiller's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare. Dr. Shiller is board-certified in ophthalmology and practices in Waco and Palestine.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Wednesday under the Board's authority, granted by the Medical Practice Act, 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 is effective immediately.

The action was based on the following findings: On December 4, 2009, Dr. Shiller, while on-call for ophthalmological emergencies at Palestine Regional Medical Center, was observed driving his vehicle into a utility pole. He left the scene and drove off the highway, through several mailboxes and into a tree. He was taken to the emergency room where staff found an empty 100 mg vial of Demerol in his pants pocket. A toxicology screen performed at the hospital was positive for barbiturates, benzodiazepines, opiates and PCP.

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

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