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Medical Board Suspends Licenses of Two Physicians, Stacy Elise Hamid, M.D., of Dalhart, and Walter Albert Dobson, D.O., of Grand Prairie

On September 24, 2010, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the license of Stacy Elise Hamid, M.D., Lic. No. N5095, after determining that Dr. Hamid's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on the Panel's finding that Dr. Hamid was charged with falsifying drug test results, possession of marijuana and possession of Schedule II controlled substances and subsequently suspended from practicing at Coon Memorial Hospital.

On August 27, 2010, Dr. Hamid was working as an emergency department physician at the hospital when she began "acting strangely" and repeatedly asked questions about a patient who had already been transferred from the emergency department. Dr. Hamid was relieved of her duties that day and asked to submit a urine test. Although Dr. Hamid acquiesced, the sample she produced did not meet temperature requirements and was too low of specific gravity to be tested.

Hospital staff also discovered bottles of Fentanyl and Propofol in her lab jacket, as well as a package containing synthetic urine, a heating pad and instructions on how to defeat or alter a drug test. Police who searched Dr. Hamid's home discovered a variety of drug paraphernalia, including marijuana and controlled substances taken from the hospital without authorization.

Also on September 24, 2010, a disciplinary panel of the Board temporarily suspended the license of Walter Albert Dobson, D.O., after determining that Dr. Dobson's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on the Panel's finding that the recent effects of the traumatic brain injury that Dr. Dobson suffered in a 2002, and his current abuse of prescription narcotics, make him a danger to the public.

Both Temporary Suspension Hearings Without Notice took place 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 and the physician has the opportunity to have a Temporary Suspension Hearing With Notice at least 10 days after notice of the suspension just taken.

The suspensions remain in effect until the Board takes further action.

