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Message From the TMB President: Key Clarifications Regarding Opioid Prescribing



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2016 CDC Guidelines

As the opioid epidemic continues to be addressed at the federal, state and local levels, a developing concern is how previously issued prescribing guidelines are impacting patients and the care they receive in light of

increased awareness and enforcement.

In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued [guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain](#). Overall the federal guidelines, which are evidence based, follow closely in line with best prescribing practices; however, there are concerns in the patient and medical communities that the guidelines are being misapplied in such a way that can adversely affect patient care and create unnecessary barriers for chronic pain patients.

The first important clarification to make on the CDC guidelines is that they are directed at primary care clinicians treating chronic pain patients in outpatient settings. They are not intended for specialists who should already be appropriately managing their patients for pain, nor are they intended for cancer patients or those in hospice, palliative or end-of-life care.

The other misconception is that there is a specific morphine milligram equivalent (MME) that physicians are bound by in their prescribing of opioids. This is not the case. What the guidelines state – again directed at those in primary care settings – is that clinicians should use extra caution when prescribing opioids at any dosage, especially above 90 MME/day and should at that point

strongly consider referring the patient to a pain specialist for ongoing chronic pain treatment.

A third issue is the misinterpretation that the federal guidelines require tapering of opioids. There is no such requirement. The CDC states that the benefits versus potential harms of ongoing opioid therapy should be evaluated frequently, and if benefits do not outweigh the harms of continued opioid therapy, clinicians should utilize other therapies and work with patients to lower dosages, taper or discontinue opioids. Risk versus benefits should always be foremost in a physician’s mind. However, if the benefits outweigh the risks, there is no need to discontinue the therapy. In fact, immediately tapering or abruptly cutting off therapy altogether poses even greater risks to the patient. Again, a primary care physician should consider referral to a chronic pain specialist.

It’s important to remember that there is no “one size fits all” approach to treating pain and each patient is unique. When it comes to the Medical Board’s enforcement of proper prescribing practices, the standard of care, along

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with applicable Board rules ([Chapter 170](#) and [195](#)) and laws are going to supersede suggested guidelines.

The Board's rules reiterate the overarching responsibility of physicians which is that whenever they are treating patients for chronic pain, they must ensure drugs are used in a therapeutic manner and that the treatment is monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

TMB's Use of Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

As required by legislation ([House Bill 2561](#)) passed in 2017, TMB works with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to identify prescribing practices that may be potentially harmful and patient prescription patterns that may suggest drug diversion or drug abuse. There are four primary ways in which TMB accesses PMP data.

First, TMB investigators are authorized to access either a prescriber's or a patient's prescribing history in the PMP when reviewing relevant complaints related to pain prescribing and treatment issues. The PMP data is used in conjunction with risk-based criteria adopted in [Rule 195 - Pain Management Clinics](#) related to potential unregistered clinics. As with any TMB investigation, all information is considered confidential by state law and a practitioner has several steps of due process and opportunities to respond to TMB during the course of an investigation.

Secondly, TMB compiles a list of the Top 50 hydrocodone prescribers in the state every quarter. **To clarify, no automatic enforcement action occurs simply from appearing on the list since there are several legitimate reasons why a provider may be a top prescriber.** For example, a practitioner who provides care in a hospice or facility-based setting, would typically be prescribing more hydrocodone than most other types of practitioners, and is also automatically exempt from pain management clinic registration based on state law.

When reviewing the Top 50 list, TMB investigators will

consider several criteria including practice settings, prescribing patterns, relevant prior complaint history, and whether there is overlap with pain management clinic registration requirements and exemptions before making a determination to request more information from the practitioner. Only if the totality of the information received, in conjunction with the PMP data, indicates that there may be a possible violation of state law or Board rule, will the Board file a complaint to gather more information.

Thirdly, state law requires the Pharmacy Board to notify TMB of PMP automatic push notifications sent to practitioners. TMB receives a monthly list of prescribers who have been notified that at least one of their patients met the "5-5-5" criteria – a patient received five or more prescriptions, the medications were prescribed by five or more prescribers, and the medications were dispensed by five or more pharmacies in the preceding month.

TMB investigators review these monthly reports to determine if a practitioner has received three or more consecutive 5-5-5 email alerts. If so, then the practitioner would be subject to an investigation. If a practitioner has received several nonconsecutive alerts then TMB investigators will identify this as a potential trend for closer monitoring.

Lastly, TMB monitors prescribing history in the PMP for those physicians who have cases related to inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances pending at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). This way, TMB is able to assess if the physician poses a continuing threat to public health and safety that may warrant more immediate action.

Filling Opioid Prescriptions

Another increasing area of concern stems from corporate retail pharmacies enacting dispensing limits on certain opioid pain medications. While physicians and pharmacists share a responsibility in helping to curb the opi-

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oid epidemic, there seem to be resulting unintended consequences of these blanket policies.

Physicians and pharmacists both have a shared obligation to the health and safety of the patient under federal law:

“A prescription for a controlled substance to be effective must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.” See 21 CFR [§ 1306.04\(a\)](#).

Similarly, under state law, Texas Occupations Code, [Section 562.056](#), states that “a prescription must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of the practitioner’s professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of prescription drugs is on the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.” Section [551.006](#) provides for the exclusive authority of pharmacists to decide whether or not to dispense a prescription for any reason.

The provisions of the recently enacted federal law entitled, “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act,” are also instructive in that they require the federal Department of Health and Human Services to develop materials related to Medicaid and Medicare prescriptions in order to provide pharmacists, health care providers, and patients guidance on refusal to fill a prescription when a prescription is fraudulent, forged or of doubtful, questionable or suspicious origin, and when a pharmacist can dispense a partial quantity.

Under Texas Health and Safety Code, [Sec. 481.074\(e\)](#), partial filling of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II is permissible, if the pharmacist is unable to supply the full quantity called for in a written or electronic prescription or emergency oral prescription

and the pharmacist makes a notation of the quantity supplied on the face of the written prescription, on the written record of the emergency oral prescription, or in the electronic prescription record. The remaining portion of the prescription may be filled within 72 hours of the first partial filling; however, if the remaining portion is not or cannot be filled within the 72-hour period, the pharmacist shall so notify the prescribing individual practitioner. No further quantity may be supplied beyond 72 hours without a new prescription.

As previously indicated, if prescriptions are modified, state law requires that the physician be notified of the change. The TMB has concerns with pharmacy policies being cited as a reason to modify or partially dispense certain prescriptions rather than following what state laws mandate.

When there are questions regarding the treatment, prescribed medications and quantities dispensed, physicians and pharmacists need to work on communicating those concerns with one another in order to not adversely affect the patient’s health and welfare. If a pharmacy has strict dispensing policies that do not allow certain medications to be filled as written, those policies should be communicated upfront to patients so they may decide whether they would like their prescriptions filled elsewhere.

The TMB is working with appropriate authorities to address these issues and will work with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to bring consistency to enforcing the statute and ensuring patients have access to medications that they legitimately need.

Dr. Sherif Zaafran, M.D., FASA

Texas Medical Board President

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New Member of the MRT Board Named



Brown

Governor Greg Abbott appointed Linda Brown to the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology in September. In addition to her appointment, Gov. Abbott reappointed Jennifer Flanagan and Melanie “Shannon” Lutz to the MRT Board for terms set to expire on February 1, 2023.

Linda Faye Brown of Port Neches is a retired biology and science teacher and a volleyball and track coach of 32 years. Following her retirement, she continued serving as a substitute teacher for Port Neches ISD. She previously served as a mentor to teaching students at Lamar University. Brown received a Bachelor of Science in biology and physical education from Lamar University.

Physician Assistants Transition to Biennial Renewal

As of December 2018 Physician Assistant Registration/Renewal will begin the process of renewing biennially (every 2 years).

In order to stagger the roll out of the biennial renewals, all licensed Physician Assistants are being separated out into 2 groups. Licenses ending with an odd number will register for two years in 2019. Licenses ending with an even number will register for one year in 2019 and then register for two years in 2020. Once the roll out is complete, even license numbers will continue to renew in even years, and odd license numbers will renew in odd years.

For those physician assistants whose permits expire 2/28/2019, online registration will be available to renew your permit as of 12/1/2018, approximately 90 days prior to your expiration date. You may register online using either a credit card or electronic check.

Simply log on to the Board’s web site at www.tmb.state.tx.us, select ‘Renewals’ from the main menu, and then [Physician Assistant Online Registration](#) and follow the instructions. An updated Physician Assistant Permit will be printed and mailed within approximately 3 working days upon completion of online registration.

TER—Death Registration Shutdown on Dec. 28

The following announcement was distributed by the Texas Department of State Health Services :

TxEVER is scheduled to go live on January 1, 2019, to support all vital events operations, including reporting, registration, and amendments of births and death records.

To ensure a smooth transition to TxEVER, the **TER system will shut down on December 28, 2018 at 4pm**. For births and deaths that occur after TER is shut down, you will report them in TxEVER on 1/1/2019.

Please ensure that records started in TER, are completed and filed in TER by December 28, 2018 by 4 pm. Do NOT start records in TER if you anticipate that they will NOT be completed and filed in TER by 12/28/18 by 4pm.

- Incomplete birth and death records will NOT be migrated to TxEVER.
- You would need to restart any incomplete TER records in TxEVER.
- DSHS will monitor progress on incomplete TER records and will follow up with data providers as needed.

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TER—Death Registration Shutdown, Cont.

TxEVER will be available on January 1, 2019, starting at 7am.

- Current TER User IDs will transfer to TxEVER.
- Temporary passwords and pins for TxEVER will be emailed to users who had TER accounts.
- Emails will be sent in a staggered distribution, starting with hospitals and funeral homes, in order for DSHS to best support all users.
- Please contact your local TxEVER administrator if you have not received your TxEVER temporary password by 5pm on 1/1/19.

Visit dshs.texas.gov/TxEVER for the latest updates. If you have questions, email Field Services at TxEVER@dshs.texas.gov, or call us at 512-776-3010.

Licensing agencies for our data providers are also being notified of the vital events system outage.

Note for Local Registrars:

The remote birth issuance system will shut down on December 28, 2018 at 12 pm. Once TxEVER is live, it will be used for remote birth issuance.

Rules Reminder: Continuing Education Requirements

As a prerequisite for physician registration, practitioners are required to complete continuing medical education. The Board conducts random CME audits and will request certificates of completion in order to verify the registration requirement is met.

Physicians need to complete at least (48) credits of continuing medical education every 24 months (24-month timeline is in relation to the biennial registration period, not the calendar year). At least half of these hours must be in formal, Category 1 or 1-A courses.

The 48 hours are broken down as follows –

Physician CME Requirements (per biennium)

24 Formal Category 1 or 1-A hours:

- courses designated for AMA/PRA Category 1 credit by a CME sponsor accredited by ACCME (Accreditation Council for CME) or state medical society recognized by ACCME;
- approved for credit by American Academy of Family Physicians;

- designated for AOA Category 1-A credit; or
- approved by TMA based on standards established by AMA for its Physician's Recognition Award.

Medical Ethics and/or Professional Responsibility

At least (2) of the formal hours must involve the study of medical ethics and/or professional responsibility. Professional responsibility includes but is not limited to courses in: Risk Management, Domestic Abuse; or Child Abuse. Formal courses must be approved for ethics or professional responsibility credit by the accrediting agency. Also acceptable are the CME activities previously designated by the Texas Medical Board as Medical Ethics and/or Professional Responsibility through the expiration date of their approval. Please note: the Board no longer approves individual CME activities for ethics and/or professional responsibility.

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24 Informal Hours:

- Composed of informal self-study, attendance at hospital lectures; or
- grand rounds not approved for formal CME or case conferences and shall be recorded in a manner easily transmitted to the board.

There is a maximum of (48) total excess credit hours that may be carried forward and a limit of two years

from the date of the registration following the period during which the hours were earned. Excess hours are applied/reported according to their category.

For more information regarding CME registration requirements for physicians and other license types, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/resources-continuing-ed-requirements>

See also [Board Rule 166.2](#) for additional information.

Licensure Options for Retiring Physicians

Physicians who are considering retirement have several options to maintain their license. The retired status exempts physicians from the registration process, fees and required CME.

There are three specific statuses: **Retired**, **Emeritus Retired**, and **Voluntary Charity Care**. To be eligible for retired status, a physician's license cannot be under investigation, under a Board order, or be otherwise restricted. If a physician is ineligible for any retired status, biennial registration, including the fee and CME, are required to keep the license current.

The emeritus retirement status is a subgroup of the "official retired status". Like the standard retired status, the emeritus retired status exempts physicians from the registration process, registration fee, and CME.

Retired and **Emeritus Retired** license statuses have the following license restrictions:

1. the physician cannot engage in clinical activities or practice medicine in any state,
2. the physician cannot prescribe or administer drugs to anyone, nor may the physician possess a Drug Enforcement Agency or Texas controlled substances registration.

The following additional qualifications are required for a physician who requests the Emeritus Retired status:

1. the physician has never received a remedial plan or been the subject of disciplinary action by the Texas Medical Board;
2. the physician has no criminal history, including pending charges, indictment, conviction and/or deferred adjudication in Texas;
3. the physician has never held a license, registration or certification that has been restricted for cause, canceled for cause, suspended for cause, revoked or subject to another form of discipline in a state, or territory of the United States, a province of Canada, a uniformed service of the United States or other regulatory agency.

The third retired status, **Voluntary Charity Care**, allows the physician to practice under certain restrictions. Specifically:

1. the physician's practice of medicine cannot include the provision of medical services for either direct or indirect compensation which has monetary value of any kind;
2. the physician's practice of medicine is limited to voluntary charity care for which the physician receives no direct or indirect compensation of any kind for medical services rendered;

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3. the physician's practice of medicine cannot include the provision of medical services to members of the physician's family; and
4. the physician's practice of medicine cannot include the self-prescribing of controlled substances or dangerous drugs.

A physician on voluntary charity care status must still obtain and report continuing medical education, except that the number of credits of informal CME is reduced from 24 credits to 20 credits per biennium.

To return to practice from retired status, a physician must obtain approval of the Board after submitting a written request. If a physician has been on official retired status for two years or longer, the request must be reviewed by the Licensure Committee of the Board.

For more information on retired status, including required forms, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/renewal-physician-license-retirement-options>.

See also [Chapter 166.3](#) of Board Rules for additional information.

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Case Review Experts Needed

TMB is calling for physicians in all areas of medicine to serve as experts in reviewing standard of care cases.

Some specific areas of need are in the following disciplines: Cardiology (Interventional & Electrophysiology), Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Endocrinology, Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, General Surgery (Thoracic & Vascular), Neurological Surgery, Orthopedic Spine Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Pain Management.

As an expert to the Board, your identify for any individual case will be confidential. The requirements for serving are:

- Active Texas license
- Active practice in Texas (more than 20 hours per week, 40 weeks per year)
- No history of negative peer review action or license restriction
- Acceptable malpractice history

For more information, please e-mail: Michelle.Garcia@tmb.state.tx.us

FDA Drug Safety Resources



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) makes available a number of online resources for health professionals and the general public to keep up-to-date on the latest drug warnings and other safety information, including drug label changes, warnings and drug shortages.

In July, for example, the FDA published updated warnings regarding the use of [fluoroquinolone antibiotics](#). Physicians are encouraged to visit the FDA's website regularly and sign up to receive the latest drug safety updates: <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/default.htm>

News of Interest

- [Spotting victims of human trafficking is now a part of training at Texas Medical Center](#) (Houston Chronicle, Nov. 30, 2018)
- [Sky-high prices for air ambulances hurt those they are helping](#) (CNN, Nov. 26, 2018)
- [Hep C And Drug Abuse Often Go Hand In Hand, But Screening For Infection Lags](#) (Kaiser Health News, Dec. 19, 2018)
- [Surgeon General Warns Youth Vaping Is Now An 'Epidemic'](#) (NPR, Dec. 19, 2018)
- [Physician viewpoint: How to remove 'stupid stuff' from EHRs](#) (Becker's Hospital Review, Nov. 9, 2018)

DID YOU KNOW?



You can look up licensee information online for physicians, physician assistants, acupuncturists, medical radiologic technologists, respiratory care practitioners, perfusionists, medical physicists and surgical assistants.

These licensee profiles contain consumer-oriented professional background information, license status, educational background, disciplinary actions, and other helpful information.

To search the database, and for more information, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/look-up-a-license>

Board Rules

The following rules were adopted since the publication of the previous bulletin. After publication in the TX Register, the rules with effective date will be posted on the TMB website: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules>.

For full rule text in the Texas Administrative Code, visit: [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.viewtac)

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CHAPTER 175. FEES AND PENALTIES

The amendments to §175.2, concerning Registration and Renewal Fees, increase the initial and subsequent permit for acupuncturists to account for biennial registration as opposed to annual.

CHAPTER 183. ACUPUNCTURE

The amendments to §183.5, concerning Annual Renewal of License, change all references to "annual renewal" to "biennial" including the title of the rule. The amendments also include changes to a single reference to "each year" to "date" in order to comport with the concept of biennial registration. Additional changes include correcting grammatical errors. These amendments are in accordance with the passage of SB674 (85th Regular Session) which amended Chapter 205.251 of the Texas Occupations Code.

The amendments to §183.20, concerning Continuing Acupuncture Education, change references to "annual" to "biennial" and doubles the Continuing Acupuncture Education "CAE" requirements and reporting requirements to account for biennial registration. Additional changes include changing references to "year" to "registration period" in order to account for biennial registration.

The amendments to §183.25, concerning Inactive Status License, change references to "annual" to "current" and removes the requirement for payment of a fee while on inactive status.

CHAPTER 185. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The amendment to §185.7, concerning Temporary License, deletes obsolete language referring to "surgeon assistants".

CHAPTER 194. MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

The amendments to §194.7, concerning Biennial Renewal of Certificate or Placement on the Board's General Registry for Non-Certified Technicians Generally, deletes language to subsection (c), related to continuing education requirements, so that the minimum requirements for formal hours no longer require live, instructor-led hours. The amendments will result in more efficiency while maintaining rigorous requirements ensuring current competency, by aligning the rules with the requirements set forth by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, which lack a live instruction requirement. Amendments are further made to subsection (c)(5), and make corrections to typographical errors.

OCTOBER 2018

CHAPTER 175. FEES AND PENALTIES

The amendments to §175.5, concerning Payment of Fees or Penalties, adds language in subsection (c)(6) that requires a request for refund from the spouse or personal representative of a licensee or applicant who dies within 90 days of having paid a licensure fee. The amendment makes clear that a refund is not automatically processed by the Board upon a licensee or applicant's death. The amendment also adds language to subsection (c)(7) giving some discretion to the Executive Director as to whether a licensure fee should be fully refunded if it was paid more than 90 days before the licensee's or applicant's death. The amendment makes it possible for the Board to issue a full refund in a unique situation, such as when a licensee or applicant has paid a fee more than 90 days before his or her death, but has not yet received the license or registration.

CHAPTER 188. PERFUSIONISTS

The amendment to §188.4, concerning Qualifications for Licensure, removes the jurisprudence exam attempt limit for applicants.

The amendment to §188.26, concerning Exemption from Registration Fee for Retired Perfusionists Providing Voluntary Charity Care, removes the language in subsection (g) that requires a licensee to submit evaluations from previous employers upon application to return to active status after being inactive and only providing charity care.

The amendment to §188.28, concerning Exemption from Registration Fee for Retired Perfusionists, removes the language in subsection (c) that requires a licensee to submit evaluations from previous employers upon application to return to active status after being retired.

CHAPTER 190. DISCIPLINARY SANCTION GUIDELINES

The amendments to §190.14, concerning Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines, corrects the sanction guidelines chart that was inadvertently deleted from the Texas Administrative Code due to a filing error in June 2018, when three categories of sanctions were amended. The adopted graphic reflects the sanction guidelines as previously in place, as amended in June 2018, and inadvertently deleted from the Texas Administrative Code.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Activity Title	Date(s)	No. of Hours	Link
Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences through Trauma-Informed Care	Expires March 9, 2021	1.5 AMA PRA Category 1	https://www.txhealthsteps.com/130-addressing-adverse-childhood-experiences-through-trauma-informed-care
Sickle Cell Disease and Trait	Expires Nov. 14, 2020	1.25 AMA PRA Category 1	https://www.txhealthsteps.com/365-sickle-cell-disease-and-trait
Promoting Adolescent Health	Expires Sept. 8, 2020	1.5 AMA PRA Category 1	https://www.txhealthsteps.com/19-promoting-adolescent-health
Identifying Human Trafficking in Texas: What Physicians Need to Know	Expires April 13, 2021	0.75 AMA PRA Category 1	https://texmed.inreachce.com/Details/Information/b30f55f5-8d79-48db-b2b2-bc91b74d87be
Texas Electronic Vital Events Registrar (TxEVER) Provider Readiness Webinars	Multiple dates through Dec. 2018	1.0 AMA PRA Category 1	http://dshs.texas.gov/vs/field/The-TxEVER-Project/#Webinars
Improving Cause of Death Reporting	Expires Aug. 9, 2020	0.75 AMA PRA Category 1	https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/improving-cause-of-death-reporting.htm

The continuing education opportunities listed above are provided only as a courtesy. TMB makes no guarantee to the quality of the content, fulfillment of credit hours for license requirement purposes, or ensure compliance with terms of any Board order or rules. As part of its 2016-2017 review of the Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission adopted a nonstatutory management action directing the Board to dedicate one page of its quarterly newsletter bulletin to three topics in continuing medical education that the Board considers relevant; at least one of the annual 12 continuing medical education topics must be related to tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease.

Formal Complaints

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Brooks, William J., P.A., Arlington, WA	PA03292	8/6/18	Other state's action.
Battle, Robert McRee, M.D., Houston	D2355	8/9/18	Failure to meet standard of care; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Cantu-Willman, Raul Sergio, M.D., Laredo	E2997	8/9/18	Failure to meet standard of care; violation of Board rules; inadequate medical records.
Fulp, Ray R. "Trey", III, D.O., McAllen	J7963	8/9/18	Failure to meet standard of care; inadequate medical records.
Lampley, Joseph Carver, D.O., Hamlin	J9149	8/9/18	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Martinez, Jose De Jesus, M.D., McAllen	M3636	8/9/18	Unprofessional conduct; felony conviction.
Abebe, Hiwot, MRT, Frisco	GMR00026214	8/13/18	Unprofessional conduct.
Verduzco, Yadira Ivette, NCT, Seagoville	NCR00164396	8/15/18	Unprofessional conduct; felony conviction.
Colbert, Christle Denise, M.D., Beaumont	P1533	8/28/18	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Cusic, Jacqueline L., NCT, Trophy Club	NCR00160567	8/29/18	Unprofessional conduct.
Blackwell, Michael Lee, M.D., Tomball	J3695	8/30/18	Failure to meet standard of care; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Hall, Theodore Ray, M.D., Huntsville	G4592	8/30/18	Unprofessional conduct; violation of Board rules.
Lynch, Robert Kevin, D.O., Odessa	K3317	8/30/18	Unprofessional conduct; felony conviction.
Syn, David, M.D., Lubbock	L5583	8/30/18	Failure to meet standard of care; peer review action; unprofessional conduct.
Connolly, John Robert, Jr., M.D., Allen	J0752	8/31/18	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct.
Harea, Mihaela Cristina, M.D., San Antonio	L7410	8/31/18	Unprofessional conduct; peer review action.
Hay, Joshua, M.D., North Richland Hills	N5718	8/31/18	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; inadequate medical records.
Ingram, Guy Alexander, RCP, Austin	RCP00063769	8/31/18	Unprofessional conduct.

Formal Complaints, Cont.

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Jumao-As, Ramil, M.D., San Antonio	L2359	8/31/18	Failure to meet standard of care; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Lane, Frank Elmer, M.D., Dallas	G3541	8/31/18	Unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Mazcuri, Riaz S., M.D., Houston	G9772	8/31/18	Felony conviction.
Morshedi, Brandon, M.D., Dallas	Q5698	8/31/18	Failure to meet standard of care; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Naik, Sunil Shanker, M.D., Houston	K3803	8/31/18	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Yerrington, Robert Foster, M.D., San Antonio	F2132	8/31/18	Failure to meet standard of care; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Bunker, Stephen Raymond, M.D., Round Rock	G0961	10/18/18	Unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Kirkham, James Earl, Jr., M.D., Houston	C5124	10/18/18	Unprofessional conduct; nontherapeutic prescribing; inadequate medical records.
Bianco, Joseph Anthony, D.O., Dallas	D8661	10/19/18	Violation of prior Board order; unprofessional conduct.
Howie, David Ian, M.D., Shepherd	H2472	10/19/18	Violation of prior Board order; unprofessional conduct.
Avila, Rafael Antonio, M.D., Mission	K5785	10/30/18	Unprofessional conduct.
Ver Halen, Jon Peter, M.D., Colleyville	N1940	11/2/18	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Pasol, Elias Kirel, M.D., Brownsville	P4689	11/5/18	Unprofessional conduct.
Cortez, Evangelina, MRT, Webster	GMR00108796	11/11/18	Unprofessional conduct.

Formal Complaint Dismissed Following Final Order

Name	Lic. No.	Date Dismissed
Ariyo, Adeniran Abraham, M.D., Dallas	L4224	12/7/18

Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/news>

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION

Barnhardt, Mark Alan, D.O., Lic. No. L2127, Fort Sam Houston

On October 26, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Mark Alan Barnhardt, D.O., 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 Dr. Barnhardt on or about September 25, 2018, was arrested and charged with one count of indecency with a child by exposure, a third degree felony and pled guilty to the charge and an Order of Deferred Adjudication was entered by the Court. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Barnhardt, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Barnhardt. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Berry, Alison Joan, M.D., Lic. No. F3757, San Antonio

On August 22, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Alison Joan Berry, M.D., after determining her continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Berry suffers from an impairment due to alcohol abuse/dependence. Dr. Berry had entered into an agreement with the Board to undergo random screening and to monitor compliance; however, Dr. Berry violated the terms of her agreement with the Board by testing positive and missing screens on multiple occasions and failing to cooperate with Board staff. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Berry, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Berry. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Brown, George Erwin, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. L8288, Deer Park

On August 13, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of George Erwin Brown, Jr., M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. Dr. Brown is prohibited from supervising or delegating prescriptive authority to midlevel practitioners outside his current practice setting at Occucare International. The Board panel found, based on the evidence provided, that Dr. Brown improperly supervised the acts of his delegates, two advanced practice nurses whose practice was temporarily suspended by the Texas Board of Nursing, which found the APNs had failed to meet the standard of care in their treatment of multiple patients

by inappropriately prescribing testosterone and other thyroid hormones. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Cannon, Carrie Sue, M.D., Lic. No. H7277, Kerrville

On October 4, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Carrie Sue Cannon, M.D., after determining her continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Cannon suffers from psychiatric illness that impairs her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Cannon, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Cannon. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Ferrell, John Carl, M.D., Lic. No. G8835, Frisco

On September 14, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of John Carl Ferrell, M.D., 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, based on the evidence, that Dr. Ferrell was arrested for possessing illegal substances, that he was writing prescriptions for controlled substances to a patient with whom he had a close, personal relationship for periods in excess of 72 hours, and that he was prescribing large amounts of controlled substances including opioids, benzodiazepines, Soma, amphetamines, and testosterone to individual patients at one or more clinics in the Frisco, Texas area. Based on this conduct, the panel finds an imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Ferrell, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Ferrell. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Kruckner, Douglas, M.D., Lic. No. M1189, Stamford

On December 14, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Douglas Kruckner, M.D., 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, based on the evidence, that Dr. Kruckner has engaged in a long-term sexual relationship with a patient while also prescribing the patient controlled substances, admitted to using methamphetamine and marijuana, and that he was arrested for possessing drug paraphernalia, methamphetamine and marijuana. Dr. Kruckner also appears to be nontherapeutically prescribing opioids, benzodiazepines and other controlled substances to his patients. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to

Dr. Kruckner, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Kruckner. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Turner, Kelly J., M.D., Lic. No. L4152, El Paso

On October 22, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Kelly J. Turner, M.D., 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 Dr. Turner has been arrested multiple times for alcohol-related offenses and that he suffers from a mental and/or physical condition that renders him unable to safely practice medicine. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Turner, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Turner. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Williams, Nicole Brianne, M.D., Lic. No. M8428, Lubbock

On October 26, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Brianne Nicole Williams, M.D., after determining her continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Williams suffers from impairment due to use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or other substances, or as a result of any mental or physical condition. Dr. Williams was previously terminated from her position with her employer for substance use issues and was terminated from the Texas Physician Health Program due to repeated non-compliance. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Williams, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Williams. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

QUALITY OF CARE

Adair, Maureen L., M.D., Lic. No. F6376, Austin

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Maureen L. Adair, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring her to within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and have her practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Adair failed to personally perform an initial or subsequent physical examination, order diagnostic testing, document pain quality and improvement in order to diagnose and manage a patient's pain to support her long-term management of the patient's pain with controlled substances. Dr. Adair's medical records were insufficient as they did not show the patient's pain levels, monitoring for controlled substances, and that the patient was counseled on how to manage symptoms. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Badhiwala, Shamji P., M.D., Lic. No. H3440, Waco

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Shamji P. Badhiwala, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in management of suicidal patients, four hours in treatment of substance abuse disorders, four hours in risk management and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Badhiwala evaluated a patient who had attempted an overdose while intoxicated but failed to document proper history, contact family to obtain medical history, order testing, or refer the patient to an inpatient psychiatric facility.

Barnett, John Bryan, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. D5910, Dallas

On August 24, 2018, the Board and John Bryan Barnett, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in post-operative care and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500. The Board found Dr. Barnett failed to meet the standard of care for one patient by leaving a sponge in the patient's left breast cavity following an augmentation procedure and by failing to perform appropriate follow-up care.

Buheis, Nidal Ismail, M.D., Lic. No. M2573, Port Arthur

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Nidal Ismail Buheis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in prescribing for cardiac patients and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Buheis failed to meet the applicable standard of care in his treatment of a patient by failing to document his medical rationale for prescribing amiodarone, by failing to monitor the patient's lab work and heart rhythm, and by failing to personally inform the patient's primary care physician about the prescription.

Denam, William L., D.O., Lic. No. G7507, Lubbock

On August 24, 2018, the Board and William L. Denam, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order restricting Dr. Denam from practicing medicine in level I and level II facilities and requiring him to within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in pediatric prescribing, eight hours in sepsis, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in emergency room medicine. The Board found Dr. Denam failed to meet the standard of care for several patients by failing to adequately review lab results, failing to diagnose a patient who later returned to the ER and passed away, and failed to appropriately evaluate and improperly prescribed to another patient.

Donovitz, Gary Steven, M.D., Lic. No. F6580, Arlington

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Gary Steven Donovanitz, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, eight hours in appropriate prescribing of controlled substances and eight hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Donovanitz failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment of three patients and

inappropriately prescribed dangerous drugs or controlled substances to himself and family members, in absence of immediate need and/or without adequate medical records.

Garza-Keever, Simon T., D.O., Lic. No. J9042, San Antonio

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Simon T. Garza-Keever, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in prescribing controlled substances for weight loss; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Garza-Keever violated the standard of care for 20 patients for whom he treated for obesity and associated medical problems, failed to obtain complete patient histories and/or perform complete physical examinations, and failed to maintain adequate medical records.

Guajardo, Pablo, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. E7415, San Antonio

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Pablo Guajardo, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least four hours of CME in infectious disease; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Guajardo should have been more diligent in addressing complaints and infection for a post-operative patient and prescribed medications to the patient that did not address the potential danger of the knee infection.

Hanna, John Barton, D.O., Lic. No. K0313, Levelland

On August 24, 2018, the Board and John Barton Hanna, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in high risk pregnancies; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Hanna violated the standard of care for three patients.

Jakubowski, Robert Gerard, M.D., Lic. No. G9479, San Antonio

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Robert Gerard Jakubowski, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him and placing him under the following terms: restricted from the treatment of chronic pain for two years; anytime Dr. Jakubowski performs a physical examination of a female patient he shall have a chaperone present; have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within two years complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in prescription of controlled substances; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or ad-

vanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant in the treatment of chronic pain patients. The Board found Dr. Jakubowski violated the standard of care in his attempted management of a patient's chronic pain, depression, and anxiety, and engaged in an inappropriate relationship of a sexual nature with the patient.

Jones, Phillip Wayne, M.D., Lic. No. G5232, Madisonville

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Phillip Wayne Jones, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Jones prescribed non-narcotic creams and other medications to at least 10 patients with no evidence that either he or any qualified person adequately examined the patients or established a proper physician-patient relationship with the patients, and failed to maintain adequate medical records for the patients at issue.

Krapin, Lloyd Jeffrey, M.D., Lic. No. F4913, El Paso

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Lloyd Jeffrey Krapin, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: may only prescribe, administer, and/or order Schedule II controlled substances for the purpose of treating acute pain on a one-time basis, for no more than 72 hours with no refills for any patient. The Board found Dr. Krapin retired during a pending investigation by the VA and continued to prescribe controlled substances to a patient even after becoming aware of the patient's issue with suicide and drug abuse.

Lowry, Robert Charles, M.D., Lic. No. J9179, San Antonio

On December 7, 2018, the Board entered a Final Order against Robert Charles Lowry, M.D., requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in billing, eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Lowry aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine by employing a physician, whose license was suspended, to interpret and sign off on EEG reports, failed to exercise due diligence in his practice when he failed to sign, or have another Texas-licensed physician sign, a patient's EEG report and failed to follow the standard of care by failing to evaluate another patient's pain management regimen after the patient tested positive for opioids. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Lowry has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Murray, Lauren Andreotti, M.D., Lic. No. N7951, Dallas

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Lauren Andreotti Murray, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within one year complete four hours of CME in high risk obstetrics. The Board found Dr. Murray failed to meet the standard of care by failing to appropriately evaluate and interpret the blood pressure changes of a patient, who suffered a placental abruption

resulting in the loss of her infant.

Ockershausen, Thomas Glen, M.D., Lic. No. L4614, Austin

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Thomas Glen Ockershausen, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order under the following terms: shall not engage in the practice of emergency room or urgent care medicine until he petitions the Board to have the restriction lifted and completes an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved psychiatrist and follows all recommendations for care and treatment, obtains a certification on neonatal advanced life support, pediatric advanced life support and advanced life support in obstetrics, and completes at least 24 hours of CME in pediatric and obstetric emergencies; shall limit his practice to a group or institutional setting approved by the Board, and if he wants to petition to lift this work place restriction, he must first complete the independent medical evaluation. The Board found Dr. Ockershausen engaged in unprofessional conduct and failed to satisfy the applicable standard of care in his treatment of a patient and her newborn by deferring to nursing staff on the hospital's recently-developed protocol on precipitous deliveries. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Pauza, Kevin Joseph, M.D., Lic. No. J7127, Tyler

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Kevin Joseph Pauza, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have an orthopedic surgeon or neurosurgeon specializing in spinal procedures monitor his practice for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in complementary and/or alternative medicine, four hours in informed consent, four hours in ethics, four hours in patient communications and four hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Pauza diagnosed a patient with lumbar disc pain and lumbar radiculopathy without specifically and clearly documenting a rationale behind the diagnosis and failed to document he had considered simpler and less invasive treatment options prior to performing the procedure or that the patient had chosen to forego conventional treatment.

Smith, Lance S., M.D., Lic. No. J5646, Arlington

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Lance S. Smith, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in management of complex patients and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Smith failed to properly heed and evaluate a patient's complaints of pain following the surgical insertion of an intrathecal morphine pump by a different physician. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Smith, Raleigh Arnold, III, M.D., Lic. No. F4547, Aransas Pass

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Raleigh Arnold Smith, III, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from performing bowel procedures except for the purposes of satisfying the proctor requirement. The restriction shall remain in effect

until he requests permission in writing to resume such practice, personally appears before the Board and provides clear evidence that he is competent to independently perform bowel procedures. Such evidence shall include at minimum, evidence that he has complete five bowel procedures under the observation of a Board-approved proctor and has followed any and all recommendations made by the proctor; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in post-operative complications, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in chart monitoring. The Board found Dr. Smith failed to meet the standard of care in his care and treatment of a patient resulting in post-operative complications after performing laparoscopic exam, left oophorectomy and adhesiolysis on a patient. Dr. Smith's surgical privileges were suspended as a result of the standard of care violation.

Stephens, Edward Michael, M.D., Lic. No. F2042, Houston

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Edward Michael Stephens, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from treating patients for chronic pain and from engaging in the practice of pain management as defined in the order; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Stephens failed to meet the standard of care and adhere to the Board's guidelines for the pain management of 15 patients.

Tompkins, John Robert, M.D., Lic. No. K8850, Plano

On August 24, 2018, the Board and John Robert Tompkins, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, four hours in communication and four hours in brain imaging. The Board found Dr. Tompkins violated the standard of care by failing to personally evaluate the patient, properly identify increased cranial pressure, and promptly intervene after receiving conflicting reports about the patient's status from hospital staff. The patient ultimately died from hydrocephalus.

Torres, Norman Jose, M.D., Lic. No. K8532, The Woodlands

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Norman Jose Torres, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 30 days obtain a Board-approved, board certified neurological surgeon to serve as his proctor for his next 15 neurological surgical procedures; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$6,000. The Board found Dr. Torres failed to meet the standard of care for one patient by failing to properly position screws correctly in two successive spinal surgeries and failed to recognize complications following the surgeries.

Wallace, David Michael, D.O., Lic. No. N0539, Richmond

On October 19, 2018, the Board and David Michael Wallace, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in diagnosis and treatment of deep vein thrombosis and

four hours in diagnosis and treatment of lower extremity injuries. The Board found Dr. Wallace did not document the possibility of a deep vein thrombosis in his differential diagnosis though he indicated he discussed the possibility of one with the patient. Such discussion was not adequately documented in Dr. Wallace's medical records.

Williams, James Edward, M.D., Lic. No. N1221, San Antonio

On October 19, 2018, the Board and James Edward Williams, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, eight hours in diagnosis and treatment of urinary tract cancer and four hours in treatment of hematuria. The Board found Dr. Williams failed to properly diagnose and treat a patient's ongoing hematuria. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Aggarwala, Gaurav, M.D., Lic. No. L7636, Huntsville

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Gaurav Aggarwala, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in anger management and eight hours in communications. The Board found Dr. Aggarwala engaged in a pattern of inappropriate behavior towards staff members. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Annapureddy, Chandra S., M.D., Lic. No. P0696, San Antonio

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Chandra S. Annapureddy, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Annapureddy and placing him under the following terms for a period of three years: within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in professional boundaries. The Board found Dr. Annapureddy engaged in disruptive conduct of a sexual nature with one hospital staff member and received peer review action as a result.

Dang, John Tai, M.D., Lic. No. J4068, Cleburne

On December 7, 2018, the Board and John Tai Dang, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Dang's Texas medical license until he requests in writing to have the suspension lifted and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence shall include at minimum: Dr. Dang addressing his gambling addiction, his alcohol addiction; and resolution of the criminal investigation into allegations that he sexually assaulted patients. The Board found Dr. Dang displayed unprofessional conduct based on the sexual assault and inappropriate sexual contact/behavior towards two patients, failed to meet the standard of care and nontherapeuti-

cally prescribed controlled substances to two patients while treating them for pain; became inappropriately financially involved with patients, and failed to keep adequate medical records.

Ethridge, Jeff Dwayne, M.D., Lic. No. L6877, Boerne

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Jeff Dwayne Ethridge, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least four hours of CME in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. Ethridge failed to timely complete the death certificate for a patient.

Hobbs, Bobby R., M.D., Lic. No. F8511, Rockwall

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Bobby R. Hobbs, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. Hobbs failed to timely complete a death certificate for a patient.

Kern, Joshua Kless, M.D., Lic. No. N5151, Dallas

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Joshua Kless Kern, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Kern, publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program, requiring him to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management. Dr. Kern had been temporarily restricted following his arrest for diversion of controlled substances. This order supersedes all other prior board orders.

King, Joseph, M.D., Lic. No. L6985, Jackson, MS

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Joseph King, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring Dr. King to the Texas Physician Health Program and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. King failed to report to the Board that he had a medical condition that may impact his ability to practice medicine safely.

Madsen, Terry Douglas, M.D., Lic. No. L8816, Richardson

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Terry Douglas Madsen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Madsen and requiring him to within 30 days disclose to the Board, in writing, all prior and current financial interests he holds in ALL healthcare-related companies, including, but not limited to, medical representative companies; within 30 days submit an ownership interest disclosure form to the Board's Executive Director for review and following approval, present the form to all patients receiving medical care at his clinic; within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation from a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Madsen ordered

expensive genetic tests for his patients without indication, and has several arrests that may not have occurred but for his use of alcohol. Dr. Madsen recognizes that he may have a problem and has stopped drinking. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Newsome, Reginald, M.D., Lic. No. M8869, Keller

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Reginald Newsome, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have a chaperone present anytime he performs a physical examination on a female patient; and follow all recommendations for care and treatment made by his treating psychiatrist. The Board found Dr. Newsome pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor public indecency charge and received deferred adjudication, including a one-year probated sentence. Dr. Newsome has undergone an independent psychiatric evaluation as required by his June 15, 2018 order.

Ortiz, Raynaldo Rivera, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. H9000, Garland

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Raynaldo Rivera Ortiz, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Ortiz and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Ortiz had his clinical privileges suspended for 14 days for failing to notify all hospitals of his misdemeanor criminal charges. On June 15, 2016, a Collin County, Texas, jury found Dr. Ortiz guilty of Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Perez, Jimmi Rios, M.D., Lic. No. P1812, McAllen

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Jimmi Rios Perez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Perez to have a chaperone present anytime he performs a physical examination on a female patient; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. Perez, during a post-operative visit for a cosmetic patient, inappropriately conducted a physical examination of the patient while discussing an ongoing business relationship between the two, violating physician-patient boundaries standards.

Tamayo, Hector Edwin, M.D., Lic. No. K7915, San Antonio

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Hector Edwin Tamayo, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Tamayo and placing him under the following terms for a period of three years: shall have a chaperone present anytime he conducts a medical visit with a female patient in any setting; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist or psychologist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in professional boundaries; and within one year pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Tamayo engaged in an intimate interaction with a patient outside of the professional setting.

Zertuche, Benjamin, M.D., Lic. No. L2066

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Benjamin Zertuche, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within six months complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Zertuche prescribed medications to a person with whom he had a pre-existing, close personal relationship and admitted to treating a number of patients after the end of prior close personal relationships.

REVOCATION

Durand, Darnel Michael, M.D., Lic. No. M2609, The Woodlands

On October 19, 2018, the Board entered a Final Order against Darnel Michael Durand, M.D., revoking his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Durand operated two unregistered pain management clinics, nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances, failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of multiple chronic pain patients, failed to properly supervise his midlevels and failed to keep adequate medical records. The action was based the findings made by an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Durand has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Harea, Mihaela Cristina, M.D., Lic. No. L7410, San Antonio

On December 7, 2018, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Mihaela Cristina Harea, M.D., which revoked her Texas medical license. On August 31, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Dr. Harea failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Harea. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Harea's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Harea has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Levison, Lionel, M.D., Lic. No. F7512, Odessa

On October 19, 2018, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Lionel Levison, M.D., which revoked his Texas medical license. On August 30, 2017, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging violations related to the standard of care. Dr. Levison failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Levison. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Levison's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Levison has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Morgan, Courtney Ricardo, M.D., Lic. No. M8195, Victoria

On August 24, 2018, the Board entered a Final Order against

Courtney Ricardo Morgan, M.D., revoking his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Morgan failed to comply with his March 3, 2017 Final Order by refusing to surrender his DEA controlled substances registration and by not obtaining an appointment for a skill proficiency assessment. The action was based on the administrative law judge's granting summary disposition as to both violations and aggravating factors. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Morgan has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCAION

Claudio, Angel L., M.D., Lic. No. H2104, Mission

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Angel L. Claudio, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Claudio agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Claudio was under investigation following his guilty plea to conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Fenner, James Edwin, M.D., Lic. No. F3949, Las Vegas, NV

On August 24, 2018, the Board and James Edwin Fenner, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Fenner agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Fenner has a medical condition that prevents him from practicing at this time.

Ferrell, John Carl, M.D., Lic. No. G8835, Frisco

On December 7, 2018, the Board and John Carl Ferrell, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Ferrell agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Ferrell was under investigation for nontherapeutic prescribing and his arrest for felony possession of illegal substances and related paraphernalia by the Plano Police Department.

Kelton, Philip Llewellyn, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. D7112, Dallas

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Philip Llewellyn Kelton, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Kelton agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Kelton's license had been temporarily suspended for violations including violations related to operating an unlicensed pain management clinic and nontherapeutically prescribing controlled substances. Dr. Kelton submitted to a psychological evaluation on March 30, 2018, which concluded there is evidence Dr. Kelton has suffered progressive cognitive decline over at least the past two years. Dr. Kelton indicated his desire to voluntarily surrender his medical license.

Kim, David Daesung, M.D., Lic. No. L6982, Colleyville

On October 19, 2018, the Board and David Daesung Kim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Kim voluntarily agreed to surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr.

Kim agreed to plead guilty to certain felony offenses in two cases, both filed in the Northern District of Texas – Dallas Division.

Malas, Amer, M.D., Lic. No. P7948, Macon, GA

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Amer Malas, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Malas agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Malas self-reported to the Board that he has a medical/physical condition that precludes him from practicing medicine at this time.

Mazcuri, Riaz S., M.D., Lic. No. G9772, Houston

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Riaz S. Mazcuri, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Mazcuri voluntarily agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Mazcuri was found guilty of one felony count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and five counts of health care fraud. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Palmer, John Middlemiss, M.D., Lic. No. P6237, Temple

On December 7, 2018, the Board and John Middlemiss Palmer, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Palmer agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Palmer was under investigation following his arrest and guilty plea to one count of possession of child pornography.

Pickel, John A., Jr., M.D., Lic. No. E6875, Arlington

On December 7, 2018, the Board and John A. Pickel, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Pickel agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Pickel was under investigation for allegations of failure to meet the standard of care for a patient.

Pryor, Bryant Allan, M.D., Lic. No. P9110, Humble

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Bryant Allan Pryor, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Pryor agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Pryor pleaded guilty to one felony count of conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances.

Robinett, Kelly Eugene, D.O., Lic. No. G7576, Carrollton

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Kelly Eugene Robinett, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Robinett agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Robinett was under investigation following his conviction of one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and three counts of health care fraud.

Sheehan, Kathleen S., M.D., Lic. No. G5604, Dallas

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Kathleen S. Sheehan, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which

Dr. Sheehan agreed to voluntarily surrender her Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board alleged that Dr. Sheehan is unable to practice safely due to a physical illness.

Sulbaran, Tulio Alberto, M.D., Lic. No. E6640, Deland, FL

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Tulio Alberto Sulbaran, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Sulbaran agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Sulbaran is under investigation related allegations of disciplinary action by another state, specifically Florida.

Syed, Moshin Mazhar, M.D., Lic. No. K2295, Midland

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Moshin Mazhar Syed, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Syed agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Syed was convicted of one count of felony sexual assault of one patient, and that other patients made similar complaints.

Travis, Zane Roland, M.D., Lic. No. C7146, Abilene

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Zane Roland Travis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary and Permanent Surrender in which Dr. Travis agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Travis was under investigation for prescribing violations and impairment.

SUSPENSION

Benjamin, Johnny Clyde, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. J1873, Vero Beach, FL

On September 28, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Johnny Clyde Benjamin, Jr., M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found that Dr. Benjamin has been convicted of five felony counts related to the possession and distribution of controlled substances and was sentenced to life in prison on July 8, 2018. He is currently in federal custody at the Miami Federal Detention Center.

Claudio, Angel L., M.D., Lic. No. H2104, Mission

On November 2, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Angel L. Claudio, M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Claudio pled guilty to conspiracy to commit health care fraud and was sentenced to six months imprisonment. This order remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Evans, Jason, M.D., Lic. No. M9268, Harlingen

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Jason Evans, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Evans' Texas medical license for one year. After one year, Dr. Evans may petition the Board to lift the suspension, personally appear before the Board

and provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found that Dr. Evans began to suffer from severe depression that has continued until the present time following surgery for a hypertensive cerebellar bleed. This order supersedes all prior orders of the Board.

Mencer-Parks, Melanie Lynn, M.D., Lic. No. K7454, Houston

On August 30, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Melanie Lynn Mencer-Park's Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Mencer-Parks was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison after she pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud. The order remains in effect until superseded by subsequent order of the Board.

Nelson, Jessica Marie, M.D., Lic. No. P8957, Dallas

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Jessica Marie Nelson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension, suspending Dr. Nelson's Texas medical license until she requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted and appears before the Board to provide evidence that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Dr. Nelson signed a cease practice agreement with the Texas Physician Health Program after admitting relapsing and using alcohol in violation of her PHP agreement. TXPHP referred her case to the Board based on repeated noncompliance with her monitoring and assistance agreement and her required treatment.

Pendleton, Michael Jerome, M.D., Lic. No. L4091, Corpus Christi

On November 28, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Michael Jerome Pendleton, M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Pendleton pled guilty to one felony count of furnishing false and fraudulent material information on dispensed controlled substance records and was sentenced to 60 months of probation, and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. This order remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Robinett, Kelly Eugene, D.O., Lic. No. G7576, Carrollton

On November 2, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Kelly Eugene Robinett, D.O.'s Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Robinett was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud, and three counts of healthcare fraud. This order remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Rodriguez, Jesus Guillermo, Lic. No. J4999, Houston

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Jesus Guillermo Rodriguez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Suspension Order suspending Dr. Rodriguez's Texas medical license until such a time as his criminal proceeding in the U.S. District Court, and any other criminal proceedings filed during the pendency of this Order, are resolved. The Board found Dr. Rodriguez is currently under indict-

ment for charges related to operation of an unregistered pain management clinic.

RESTRICTION

Zayas, Roberto, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. K2832, Spring

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Roberto Zayas, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing restricting Dr. Zayas to the practice of administrative medicine as defined in the Order and shall not engage in the clinical practice of medicine in any capacity that involves direct or indirect patient contact; shall not engage in any employment, practice or work in any professional capacity with a pain management clinic; within seven days surrender his DEA controlled substances registration certificate and not reregister without prior Board approval; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found on April 2017, the DEA ordered his DEA certificate of registration revoked based on findings that Dr. Zayas issued prescriptions to obtain controlled substances for office use in violation of several federal laws. Dr. Zayas has expressed his desire to cease clinical practice due to health issues. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Brown, Larry Donniel, M.D., Lic. No. G3189, Jasper

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Larry Donniel Brown, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Brown and requiring him to within 10 days surrender his DEA controlled substances registration certificate and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in prescribing controlled substances; and shall not be permitted to delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse. The Board found Dr. Brown nontherapeutically prescribed to 15 patients by failing to adequately document and address aberrant or irregular urine drug screen tests and prescribing in excess of recommended dosages, and failed to adequately supervise his midlevel providers who similarly failed to document and address the aberrant tests. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Key, James David, Sr., M.D., Lic. No. E3339, Houston

On August 24, 2018, the Board and James David Key, Sr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Key, prohibiting him from treating patients for chronic pain including, but not limited to, treatment of pain using trigger point injections; requiring him to within seven days surrender his DEA controlled substances certificates and not reregister without prior Board approval; have his practice monitored by another physi-

cian for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete the competency assessment offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 120 days pay an administrative penalty of \$25,000. The Board found Dr. Key violated the standard of care, nontherapeutically prescribing to 15 patients, violated Board rules for treatment of chronic pain and maintained inadequate medical records.

Ruggiero, Michael F., D.O., Lic. No. H9144, Bryan

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Michael F. Ruggiero, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Ruggiero and requiring him to within 10 days surrender his DEA controlled substances registration certificate and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Ruggiero failed to meet the standard of care, nontherapeutically prescribed, and failed to maintain adequate medical records for 15 patients.

Williams, Reginald Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. N1224, El Paso

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Reginald Antonio Williams, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Williams and requiring him to within 10 days surrender his DEA controlled substances registration and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; Dr. Williams is restricted from treating chronic pain patients; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in drug-seeking behavior and eight hours in risk management; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Williams failed to meet the standard of care, the Board's chronic pain guidelines and nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to 15 patients.

IMPROPER SUPERVISION OR DELEGATION

Conder, Thomas Charles, D.O., Lic. No. M5671, Bowie

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Thomas Charles Conder, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in appropriate prescribing of controlled substances, eight hours in ethics, eight hours in supervision or delegation and eight hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Conder failed to propagate delegation orders and standing orders for delegation of duties at the practice, allowed staff to access prescription medications with little or no supervision in

an unsecured area, allowed a registered nurse to dispense medications without orders or supervision, and admitted that he did not personally evaluate patients before the patients were treated; however, he did review the labs and treatment course with his nurse.

Packard, Stanton Clark, M.D., Lic. No. J6641, Missouri City

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Stanton Clark Packard, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Packard, prohibiting him from reregistering or otherwise obtaining controlled substances registrations while under the terms of this order; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Packard supervised and delegated prescriptive authority to several mid-level providers who were not vetted by himself, who relied solely upon their licensing credentials, several which were subject to disciplinary action by their licensing agencies prior to or after the time they were supervised by Dr. Packard but not for actions under his supervision. Dr. Packard failed to properly confirm that his assistant had cancelled an order for his DPS prescription forms and the forms were used to obtain controlled substances fraudulently without his knowledge. Dr. Packard also prescribed medications to a patient who was seen via telemedicine by a physician assistant who was not supervised by Dr. Packard. This order supersedes all other prior board orders.

Ramos, Oscar R., M.D., Lic. No. D2908, Houston

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Oscar R. Ramos, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam and within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: twelve hours in supervising delegates, eight hours in medical ethics and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Ramos delegated his authority to an unqualified person and aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine.

IMPROPER PRESCRIBING

Rothrock, Robin Elizabeth, M.D., Lic. No. N1869, Tiki Island

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Robin Elizabeth Rothrock, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Rothrock self-prescribed medications, none of which were controlled substances, and that she failed to maintain proper medical records with respect to such self-prescribing.

PEER REVIEW ACTION

Hwang, Yoo Joo, D.O., Lic. No. P6189, Fort Worth

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Yoo Joo Hwang, D.O., en-

tered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Hwang was disciplined by a hospital for failing to do a pelvic examination and repeat ultrasound for a patient who was later diagnosed with an ectopic pregnancy.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR BOARD ORDER

Bixby, Raymond, M.D., Lic. No. K0420, Anson

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Raymond Bixby, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Bixby and prohibiting him from practicing in Texas until he petitions in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine, which shall include proof that he is in compliance with and/or has completed all terms and conditions of his 2016 Order. The Board found Dr. Bixby violated his 2016 Order by failing to complete timely the PACE Clinical Competence Course Phases I and II and the PACE medical recordkeeping course.

Bryant, Paula, M.D., Lic. No. G3810, Houston

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Paula Bryant, M.D., entered into a Modification Order, modifying the 2017 Order. The modification requires Dr. Bryant to within one year complete at least four hours of CME in risk management, within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam and complete the remaining terms of her 2017 Order by December 31, 2018. All other terms of the 2017 Order remain in full force and effect until superseded by subsequent order of the Board.

Caddell, James, D.O., Lic. No. F6497, Dallas

On August 24, 2018, the Board and James Caddell, D.O., entered into a Modification Order, modifying his June 2011 Order. The modification extends the tolling provision and requires him to notify the Board if he practices out of the state or ceases active practice for longer than 60 days; and requires him to complete the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) Competency Assessment, or the KSTAR Physician Assessment, prior to seeking approval in a group or institutional setting pursuant to the 2011 Agreed Order. The Board found Dr. Caddell violated his 2011 Order by testing positive and admitted to using marijuana since his tolling lifted on his order. Dr. Caddell also failed to timely call into Recovery Trek as required. All other terms of the 2011 Order, as modified, remain in full force.

Davis, Randy, D.O., Lic. No. N2053, Arlington

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Randy Davis, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Davis' Texas medical license until he requests in writing to have the suspension lifted and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence shall include at minimum, complete legible copies of medical records and reports of psychological and neuropsychiatric evaluations conducted by, or under the direction of, a psychiatrist certified by the ABMS; shall abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as de-

fined in the Order for a period of 10 years; participate in the Board's drug testing program; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than five times a week; participate in the activities of a county or state medical society committee on physician health and rehabilitation, including weekly meetings; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and shall not supervise and delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses and not supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Davis failed to comply with his 2014 Order by testing positive for prohibited substances.

Powell, Douglas, D.O., Lic. No. R4890, Dakota Dunes, SD

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Douglas Powell, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP). The Board found Dr. Powell violated his 2017 Order which required him to submit to an evaluation by TXPHP within 30 days. Dr. Powell did attempt to resolve with TXPHP, but failed to update his address of record and did not timely respond to TXPHP as a result.

Qasim, Shabnam, M.D., Lic. No. K9397, Fort Worth

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Shabnam Kanwal Qasim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. Qasim violated terms of the March 3, 2017 Mediated Order by failing to timely pay chart monitoring fees and by failing to take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam.

Reis, Marcos, M.D., Lic. No. G0810, Brownsville

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Marcos Reis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Modification Order, modifying Dr. Reis' October 2016 Order. The modification increases the number of chart monitoring cycles to 12 consecutive cycles; requires Dr. Reis' DEA controlled substances registration to be modified to eliminate Schedules II, III and IV, and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Reis violated his 2016 Order when he failed to implement the recommendations of the chart monitor. All other terms of the 2016 Order, as modified, remain in full force.

Seabold, Chad, M.D., Lic. No. N1442, Houston

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Chad Seabold, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Seabold and requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000. The Board found Dr. Seabold violated his 2017 Order by failing to comply with the Texas Physician Health Program because he failed to meet for an initial interview.

Wilson, Pamela D., M.D., Lic. No. J8842, Bellaire

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Pamela D. Wilson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting her from serving as a

physician for her immediate family or friends, and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential to herself, immediate family or friends; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Wilson prescribed multiple controlled substances to a close friend in violation of her 2016 Order.

OTHER STATES' ACTIONS

Ambati, Balamurali K., M.D., Lic. No. R0180, Eugene, OR

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Balamurali K. Ambati, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management and/or ethics and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500. The Board found that effective January 8, 2018, Dr. Ambati was disciplined by the Idaho State Board of Medicine.

Oommen, Bino Varghese, M.D., Lic. No. P7966, Mount Prospect, IL

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Bino Varghese Oommen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to comply with this order and any terms and conditions imposed by the Illinois Order. The Board found Dr. Oommen was formally disciplined by the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation following charges of improper prescribing and failure to report the pending department complaint during submission of his DEA renewal application.

Rose, Kenneth Emery, M.D., Lic. No. K8461, Muscle Shoals, AL

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Kenneth Emery Rose, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to complete and comply with all terms of the Consent Order entered by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners (ASBME) on April 30, 2018. The Board found Dr. Rose was disciplined by the ASBME for being deficient in continuing medical education credits necessary for renewal in 2018 in Alabama.

Sirois, Cindy Nguyen, Lic. No. TM00110, Sea Ranch Lakes, FL

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Cindy Nguyen Sirois, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Sirois. The Board found Dr. Sirois received a public letter of concern from the North Carolina Medical Board related to her interpretation of a patient's MRI and the standard of care involved.

INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

Fuentes, Jose Armando, M.D., Lic. No. F1557, Dallas

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Jose Armando Fuentes, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Fuentes was disciplined by the Texas Department of Insurance for inappropriate completion of return-to

-work forms for 10 patients.

Joo, Sang Bai, M.D., Lic. No. E9252, Houston

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Sang Bai Joo, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Joo failed to keep adequate medical record documentation as part of his practice as shown by his PACE assessment results.

Yerrington, Robert Foster, M.D., Lic. No. F2132, San Antonio

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Robert Foster Yerrington, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Findings requiring him to within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in prescribing controlled substances and eight hours in recognizing drug-seeking behavior. The Board found Dr. Yerrington did not document that he performed adequate evaluations for two patients. Medical records for both patients did not include several lab reports to support the diagnoses rendered. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

IMPAIRMENT

Dutta, Suresh-Venkayya, M.D., Lic. No. L1024, San Antonio

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Suresh-Venkayya Dutta, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly referring Dr. Dutta to the Texas Physician Health Program and requiring him to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; and participate in the Board's drug testing program. The Board found Dr. Dutta may be using alcohol in an intemperate manner and may suffer from an impairment that could affect his practice of medicine. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Hinojosa, Rolando, M.D., Lic. No. G8707, Mission

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Rolando Hinojosa, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending his Texas medical license; however, the suspension is stayed and he is placed on probation under the following terms for a period of 15 years: shall abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved psychologist/counselor and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than one time a week; within seven days surrender his DEA controlled substances registrations and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; limit his medical practice, including any office and inpatient practice, to a group or institutional setting approved in advance by the Board; and shall not supervise and delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice

nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Hinojosa has been using illicit substances and self-prescribing and has had at least six encounters with law enforcement in Mission, Texas, in which he was observed to have been impaired from mental illness and/or substance abuse.

Pflieger, Kurt Loring, M.D., Lic. No. J5444, Rockwall

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Kurt Loring Pflieger, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending his Texas medical license; however, the suspension is stayed and Dr. Pflieger is placed on probation under the following terms for a period of five years: within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and psychologist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and professionalism and eight hours in professional boundaries; and shall not be permitted to supervise and delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses and to supervise surgical assistants. The Board found that, on or between January and April of 2018, Dr. Pflieger engaged in patterns of impaired practice. Dr. Pflieger obtained an independent medical evaluation and completed an in-patient treatment and is now under the care of a psychiatrist.

Ravdel, Arnold, M.D., Lic. No. E8838, Houston

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Arnold Ravdel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program. The Board found Dr. Ravdel presented with issues affecting his vision and admitted to deferring cataract treatment as recommended by his ophthalmologist.

Vermedahl, Nathan, M.D., Lic. No. M3105, Dalhart

On August 24, 2018, the Board and Nathan Vermedahl, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring Dr. Vermedahl to the Texas Physician Health Program; requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Vermedahl appeared dizzy, was stuttering and fell asleep while writing a progress note on a patient. Dr. Vermedahl was also the subject of disciplinary action following complaints of verbal abuse towards staff members.

TXPHP VIOLATION

Boehme, Christopher Lee, M.D., Lic. No. M0666, Orange

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Christopher Lee Boehme, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly referring Dr. Boehme to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) and requiring him to within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Boehme was, for a time, unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and abuse of alcohol and did not cooperate with TXPHP following a referral from the Board. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Kaufman, James Kevin, M.D., Lic. No. L0318, Fort Worth

On August 24, 2018, the Board and James Kevin Kaufman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms for a period of 10 years: abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board’s drug testing program; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than five times a week; participate in programs of Caduceus no less than three times per month; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved psychologist and follow all recommendation for care and treatment; participate in the activities of a county or state medical society committee on physician health and rehabilitation; and continue to meet with his Recovery Monitor. The Board found Dr. Kaufman had a positive screen for diazepam and was discharged from the Texas Physician Health Program.

Stager, David Richard, M.D., Lic. No. J1572, Plano

On October 19, 2018, the Board and David Richard Stager, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Stager and requiring him to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board’s drug testing program; within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved forensic psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved physician to serve as a work-site monitor to monitor his practice for one year or four quarters; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than 10 times per month; and participate in the activities of Caduceus no less than one time per week. The Board found Dr. Stager violated his Texas Physician Health Program agreement by relapsing in his abuse of alcohol and was involved in a domestic dispute and was observed to be impaired by police officers responding to the report.

SURGICAL ASSISTANT

Graffagnino, Jordan Brett, S.A., Lic. No. SA00483, Houston

On October 19, 2018, the Board and Jordan Brett Graffagnino, S.A., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly referring Mr. Graffagnino to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP). The Board found Mr. Graffagnino failed to comply with the terms of his original TXPHP agreement as a result of failing to timely check in for drug screening on five occasions, and was terminated from TXPHP resulting in a referral back to the Board. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

CEASE & DESIST

Deegear, Gary Steven, M.D., No TX License, San Antonio

On September 21, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Gary Steven Deegear, M.D., prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a licensed issued by the Texas Medical Board. Dr. Deegear shall cease and desist: engaging in any practice of medicine; engaging in any express or implied actions in the guise of a physician; and engaging in any exercising of the

medical practice authority of a physician. The Board found Dr. Deegear, whose Texas medical license was cancelled on September 7, 2016, was representing himself as a licensed physician at several medical spas. He evaluated patients, ordered medications and represented that he was a supervising physician. Dr. Deegear worked at the spa under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and used unsafe practices, such as giving injections without gloves, giving injections in bathrooms, recapping used needles, refilling used syringes for patient use, disposing of sharps in a trash can and leaving vitamins out in the open in patient care areas.

Freeman, Michael, No License, Portland, OR

On November 30, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Michael Freeman, prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Freeman shall cease and desist using the titles Doctor, Medical Doctor, Physician, or Epidemiologist unless and until he is licensed by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Mr. Freeman held himself out as a medical doctor in Texas on several occasions giving opinions regarding the causal relationship of patients’ personal injuries to their medical conditions.

Mendoza, Christopher Anthony, No License, Atascosa

On November 16, 2018, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Christopher Anthony Mendoza, prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Mendoza shall not refer to himself with the title “Dr.” or “doctor.” This prohibition applies to websites, letterheads, stationary, postings in or around his office or place of employment and in any advertising materials, or as designated in the Medical Practice Act. The Board found Mr. Mendoza while working at a Pre-K SA, City of San Antonio, North Education Center, misrepresented himself, and/or allowed himself to be misrepresented, and/or fostered the belief that he was a licensed medical practitioner to parents, teachers and community members in person, in emails, text messages and documents.

Turner, Tonya, No TX Medical License, Wichita Falls

On December 7, 2018, the Board and Tonya Turner, entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting Ms. Turner from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Ms. Turner, who is a licensed Family Nurse Practitioner and Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner, engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine in Texas by holding herself out as a physician in a video advertisement posted on YouTube, which does not include her credentials as a nurse, or state that she is not a licensed medical doctor.

Texas Physician Assistant Board

Disciplinary Actions

Brooks, William J., P.A., Lic. No. PA03292, Arlington, WA

On November 2, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and William J. Brooks, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to comply with all terms of the April 6, 2017, Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission (WMQAC) Stipulation to Information Disposition. The Board found Mr. Brooks was disciplined by the WMQAC as a result of a violation of the standard of care with regard to one patient.

Harris, Kantrell Raishanda, P.A., Lic. No. PA07665, Cleveland

On November 2, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Kantrell Raishanda Harris, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Ms. Harris and suspending her license; however, the suspension is stayed and Ms. Harris is placed on probation under the following terms for a period of five years: within seven days surrender her DEA controlled substances registration certificates and shall not reregister until she has received prior Board approval; have her practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved physician to serve as a work-site monitor to monitor her for the period of the order and provide copies of any and all standing delegation/supervision orders or agreements; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in prescribing; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of modules offered by the American Academy of Physician Assistants in the area of self-assessment/performance improvement. The Board found Ms. Harris failed to meet the standard of care for three patients, self-prescribed and treated two patients with whom there was a close personal relationship, wrote a false or fictitious prescription which she diverted for her own use, and failed to properly register a supervising physician with the Board.

Kirkus, John Ashley, P.A., Lic. No. PA07236, Cedar Park

On November 12, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and John Ashley Kirkus, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal filing under the following terms: within seven days surrender his DEA controlled substances registrations and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician assistant for his immediate family, and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with potential for abuse to himself or immediate family; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000; and Mr. Kirkus is publicly referred to the Texas Physician Health Program. The Board found Mr. Kirkus admitted that he wrote

prescriptions to a member of his family and family friend in order to self-treat his own chronic pain condition. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Morris, Leslie Rooker, P.A., Lic. No. PA00611, Fort Worth

On November 2, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Leslie Rooker Morris, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within seven days surrender her DEA controlled substances registration certificates and shall not reregister for a period of five years and until she has received prior Board approval; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician assistant for her immediate family or others in which there is a close personal relationship and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential to her immediate family or others in which there is a close personal relationship; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Ms. Morris improperly used her supervising physician's DEA number to self-prescribe dangerous drugs and controlled drugs without her supervising physician's permission and failed to document and maintain a medical record of her treatment of a co-worker's child.

Serrano, Mercedes Deyanira, P.A., Lic. No. PA07338, Houston

On November 2, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Mercedes Deyanira Serrano, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within six months complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Ms. Serrano violated her 2017 Order by failing timely complete the risk management CME by March 24, 2018.

Spruill, Bryan Clark, P.A., Lic. No. PA00599, Texarkana

On November 2, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Bryan Clark Spruill, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary and Permanent Surrender in which Mr. Spruill agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Spruill was under investigation following his arrest and charge for online solicitation of a minor, a third degree felony.

Swenson, Craig J., P.A., Lic. No. PA03776, Corpus Christi

On October 2, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas physician assistant license of Craig J. Swenson, P.A., after determining his continuation in the practice as a physician assistant poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Swenson in several instances was recorded on security cameras at his workplace, outside of business hours, entering a medication room, taking medications out of a locked refrigerator and storage container, mixing/drawing them for use, and in one instance injecting the medication into an IV. Video also showed Mr. Swenson in an impaired state, treating a patient. A temporary

suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Swenson, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Swenson. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Taylor, Phillip D., P.A., Lic. No. PA07458, Brownsville

On November 2, 2018, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Phillip D. Taylor, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Mr. Taylor failed to meet the standard of care by prescribing medication to a family member beyond 72-hours of immediate need and failed to maintain adequate medical records for the prescriptions.

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Disciplinary Actions

Alvarez, Guadalupe R., NCT, Lic. No. NCR00162054, Dallas

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Guadalupe R. Alvarez, NCT, entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Alvarez agreed to be voluntarily removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiological Technician Registry in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board alleged Ms. Alvarez committed unprofessional conduct. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Barraza, Nina Renee, NCT, Lic. No. NCR00164078, Houston

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Nina Renee Barraza, NCT, which removed her from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry. On May 14, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. Barraza failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Ms. Barraza. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. Barraza was removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. Barraza has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Gengo, Mistie Layne, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00091787, Lake Charles, LA

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Mistie Layne Gengo, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Ms. Gengo. The Board found Ms. Gengo engaged in unprofessional conduct related to past arrests and convictions.

Gonzalez, Sergio, NCT, Lic. No. NCR00158999, Raymondville

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Sergio Gonzalez, NCT, which removed him from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry. On May 3, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Gonzalez failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Gonzalez. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Gonzalez was removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Gonzalez has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Hawley, Leilani Anne, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00097767, Houston

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Leilani Anne Hawley, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; and participate in the Board's drug testing program. The Board found Ms. Hawley has three arrests related to alcohol abuse, spanning from 2006 to 2017.

Lawrence, Samuel, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00015258, McDade

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Samuel Lawrence, MRT, revoking his Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate. On June 15, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Lawrence failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Lawrence. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Lawrence's certificate was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Lawrence has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Rodriguez, Joe, Jr., NCT, Lic. No. NCR00164798, Austin

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Joe Rodriguez, Jr., NCT, which removed him from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry. On May 14, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Rodriguez failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Rodriguez. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Rodriguez was removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Rodriguez has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Rosel, Victor, NCT, Lic. No. NCR00164566, Pharr

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Victor Rosel, NCT, which removed him from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry. On June 15, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Rosel failed to appear at

the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Rosel. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Rosel was removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Rosel has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Seedig, Candace Jan, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00100013, Vernon

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Candace Jan Seedig, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to comply with all conditions of her community supervision and report compliance to Board staff. The Board found Ms. Seedig was arrested in Oklahoma on May 8, 2017 for possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of proceeds and was sentenced to ten years of probation with mandatory outpatient counseling. Ms. Seedig self-reported a history of using methamphetamines as a result of issues in her personal life and continues to undergo random drug screening on a monthly basis and attends Celebrate Recovery once per week.

Severino, John R., NCT, Lic. No. NCR00159857, Dallas

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding John R. Severino, NCT, which removed him from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry. On June 15, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Severino failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Severino. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Severino was removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiologic Technician Registry by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Severino has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Simpton, Stacy Renee, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00021644, Galveston

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Stacy Renee Simpton, MRT, revoking her Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate. On May 14, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. Simpton failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Ms. Simpton. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. Simpton's certificate was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. Simpton has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Tarver, Freddie N., II, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00016801, Edna

On September 7, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Mr. Tarver's medical radiologic technologist certificate. The Board found Mr. Tarver was sentenced to sixteen years in prison for arson and hindering secured creditors and ten years for theft by check, to run concurrently with the sentence for arson. The order remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Walterscheid, Jill Ann, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00103834, Muenster

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Jill Ann Walterscheid, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; and participate in the activities of Narcotics Anonymous no less than three times per week. The Board found Ms. Walterscheid was arrested on April 1, 2017 for possession of controlled substances. On October 27, 2017, an order of dismissal was accepted by the Cooke County Court as Ms. Walterscheid agreed to a pre-trial diversion.

Wears, Jenna Nicole, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00100670, Amarillo

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Jenna Nicole Wears, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Ms. Wears, referring her to the Texas Physician Health Program and requiring her to within one year complete at least eight hours of in-person CE in ethics. The Board found Ms. Wears engaged in unprofessional conduct and was arrested for DWI, failed to respond to the Texas Physician Health Program following the incident and did not respond to multiple attempts by the Board to gather information related to the incident. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Williams, Zachary Colten, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00102239, Lake Dallas

On September 28, 2018, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Zachary Colten Williams, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; and participate in the actives of Alcoholics Anonymous or similar program no less than once a week. The Board found Mr. Williams was referred to the Texas Physician Health Program and entered into a five-year agreement based upon a 2016 DWI charge. Mr. Williams had some issues with the agreement stating that the compliance issues were due to cost and not an unwillingness to comply. Thus, Mr. Williams requested referral back to the Board.

Wilson, Delroy Anthony, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00024436, Richmond

On December 14, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical radiologic technologist license of Delroy Anthony Wilson, MRT, after determining his continuation in the practice of medical radiologic technology poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Wilson was arrested by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for ongoing sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14, a felony. As of the date of this hearing, Mr. Wilson remains in custody on \$150,000 bond, and has a hearing set on December 31, 2018. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Wilson, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Wilson. The temporary suspension remains

in place until the Board takes further action.

Texas Board of Respiratory Care Disciplinary Actions

Carreon, Carlo, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00057061, The Woodlands

On September 12, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Respiratory Care temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas respiratory care practitioner permit of Carlo Carreon, RCP, after determining his continuation in the practice of respiratory care poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Carreon was arrested on September 6, 2018, for one felony count of possession of child pornography. He is currently in custody in Montgomery County, Texas. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Carreon, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Carreon. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Clemetson, Karen, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00072621, Richmond

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Karen Clemetson, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within one year complete at least four hours of CE in ethics. The Board found Ms. Clemetson engaged in unethical conduct stemming from the 2008 arrest and 2009 charges for possession of marijuana and conspiring to traffic in marijuana.

Garcia, Carlos O., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00074377, San Antonio

On December 14, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Respiratory Care temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas respiratory care practitioner permit of Carlos O. Garcia, RCP, after determining his continuation in the practice of respiratory care poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Garcia has been in violation of his 2017 Order with the Board, has refused to cooperate with the terms of his order and with Board staff, including required monitoring and drug testing. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Garcia, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Garcia. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

McCorkle, Stephanie Paige, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00068987, Sweetwater

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care entered a Default Order regarding Stephanie Paige McCorkle, RCP, which revoked her Texas respiratory care permit. On May 14, 2018, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. McCorkle failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Ms. McCorkle. The Board

granted a Determination of Default and Ms. McCorkle's permit was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. McCorkle has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Owens, Winter J., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00067399, Fort Worth

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Winter J. Owens, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to complete at least eight hours of CE in ethics. The Board found Ms. Owens engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of her arrest for, and pleading guilty to, insurance fraud in 2014.

Saffold, Alicia L., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00076078, Dallas

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Alicia L. Saffold, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order subjecting her to the following terms for a period of five years: abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than three times a week; and within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychologist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Ms. Saffold resigned from her workplace following testing positive for consuming alcohol and showing up to work in an impaired state.

Simpson, Edward Laroy, II, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00061839, May

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Edward Laroy Simpson, II, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the anger management course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Mr. Simpson engaged in unprofessional conduct based on his 2012 arrest for a misdemeanor charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member for which he pled no contest, was granted deferred adjudication, and received two years of community supervision.

Sylvester, Derrick, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00072971, San Antonio

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Derrick Sylvester, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CE in ethics. The Board found Mr. Sylvester has multiple arrests occurring from 1995 to 2012; the most serious of which was that Mr. Sylvester was arrested and sentenced to 21 months in prison for mail fraud and bank fraud in Pennsylvania in 2010.

Trisolini, Mark, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00078868, Cheyenne, WY

On September 27, 2018, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Mark Trisolini, RCP, entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Mr. Trisolini agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas respiratory care permit in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Mr. Trisolini is alleged to have displayed unprofessional conduct based on previous arrests and subsequent adjudication.

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Physician Licenses

The Texas Medical Board issued 1,296 physician licenses between July 17, 2018 and November 12, 2018. Congratulations to the following:

Ndidi Ogechi Ivy Abara, M.D.

Hussein Abbas, M.D.

Rula Abdulrahman, M.D.

Niksad Abraham, M.D.

Scott Michael Acker, M.D.

Karen Alexandra Acosta, M.D.

Yaseen Adam, M.D.

Rachel Amanda Adamski, M.D.

Adewole Adamson, M.D.

Desmond Yengeh Adamu, M.D.

Adesoji Adeolu Adenigbagbe, M.D.

Nedal Adi, M.D.

Suchetha Adiga, M.D.

Vivian Lami Adum, M.D.

Haroon Rashid Afridi, M.D.

Amit Kumar Agarwal, M.D.

Gabriel N Agbanyim, M.D.

Gautam Atul Agrawal, M.D.

Ameth Ariel Aguirre, M.D.

Khurram Ahmad, M.D.

Beenish Ahmed, M.D.

Mohamed Auda Ahmed, M.D.

Saba Ahmed, M.D.

Dheeraj Ahuja, M.D.

Olumide Oluwadamilare Ajayeoba, M.D.

Austin Paul Akers, M.D.

Hassan A Akinbiyi, M.D.

Cheriyi Akizimana, M.D.

Mohammed Nabeel Nafia Al Salihi, M.D.

Ghadah Al Sannaa, M.D.

Haitham Al Wahab, M.D.

Alla Al-Habib, M.D.

Sherif Al-Hawarey, M.D.

Musab Al-Yahia, M.D.

Mohammad Faisal Alamgir, M.D.

Said Albahra, M.D.

Michael David Albers, M.D.

Carmen Ariela Alcalá, M.D.

Mohammad Aldaas, M.D.

Rodrigo Jose Alfaro, M.D.

Mohammed Muqaffam Ali, D.O.

Sadia Anees Ali, M.D.

Shahid Ali, M.D.

Pouya Alijanipour, M.D.

Eyas Alkhalili, M.D.

Bashar Alkinj, M.D.

Grace Nabil Allawirdi, M.D.

Ashley Allen, D.O.

Quinton Allen, M.D.

Nicolas Alonso, D.O.

Khaled Altassan, M.D.

Chenwi Mfobefu Ambe, M.D.

Yuemi An-Grogan, M.D.

Alyssa Lauren Anderson, M.D.

Christianna Mary Stuart Anderson, D.O.

Lee Edward Anderson, III, M.D.

Stefany Oji Anderson, M.D.

Jane Andrews, M.D.

George Naah Ansoanuur, M.D.

Juliana Ndidi Anyanwu, M.D.

Tomas Appleton Figueira, M.D.

Jose Luis Aranez, III, M.D.

Hassan Arif, M.D.

Brenton Neal Armstrong, M.D.

Nicholas Arnoudse, M.D.

Simone Arvisais-Anhalt, M.D.

Dev Arwikar, M.D.

Irene Naa Ayorkor Aryee, M.D.

Jed Hamad Assam, M.D.

Christopher J Atkinson, M.D.

Anupama Atluru, M.D.

Mohamed Nabil Attaya, M.D.

Khaled Magdy Attia, M.D.

Liana Pualii Au, M.D.

Jobeth Ray Jones Augustyniak, D.O.

Farrukh Tauseef Awan, M.D.

Omar Abine Ayah, M.D.

Mohammed Imraan Azam, D.O.

Maria Azeem, M.D.

Aimel Azizi, M.D.

Mario Andres Azuero, M.D.

Vrushali Bachhav, M.D.

Sridhar Badireddi, M.D.

Esther Bae, D.O.

Sepehr Bahadorani, M.D.

Laura Kathryn Baker, M.D.

Nickolas Baker, D.O.

Zachary Matthew Baker, D.O.

Vicky Bakhos Webb, M.D.

Oluwaseyi Segun Balasire, M.D.

Clarissa Balli, M.D.

Elizabeth Svyatoslavna Balyakina, D.O.

Shikha Bansal, M.D.

Ronnie Adel Barakat, M.D.

Sean Barber, M.D.

Jessica Anne Barnes, M.D.

Frederick Olen Barnum, IV, D.O.

Ashley Marie Barrile, M.D.

Mary Kay Barton, M.D.

Katherine Christine Bartush, M.D.

Bipin Barun, M.D.

Hassaan H Bashir, M.D.

Mani Bashyam, M.D.

Krystle Gonda David Bates, M.D.

Vernice E Bates, M.D.

Nicholas John Batley, M.D.

Huda Sharif Battikhi, M.D.

Jacqueline Danielle Battistelli, M.D.

Katherine Grace Beale, M.D.

Carrie York Beaumont, M.D.

Kevin Bedford, D.O.

Vahid Behravan, M.D.

Emily Li Behrens, M.D.

Mary Jane Silario Belderol, M.D.

Christopher Michael Bell, M.D.

Seth Albert Bellister, M.D.

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