

## 2002 Press Releases

**Wednesday, September 25, 2002**

### **Medical Board Suspends License of Magnolia Physician**

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has temporarily suspended the license of Randall Dean Walker, M.D. (license # G5744) of Magnolia.

The action was taken Tuesday, September 24, under the Board's authority to temporarily suspend a physician's license when it determines the physician's continuation in practice is a threat to the public welfare. The action against Dr. Walker was taken based on his intemperate use of alcohol that, in the Board's opinion, could endanger a patient's life. The board determined that Dr. Walker's actions demonstrate that he is a real and present danger to the health of his patients and present a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite and the order remains in effect until the board takes further action. The allegations are to be the subject of a formal disciplinary hearing as soon as practicable pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and the Medical Practice Act.

*The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners is the state agency that regulates physicians, providing consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for physicians who fail to meet the required standards of professional competency and behavior. The agency is seeking new legislation to expand current statutory authority to better fulfill its mission to ensure that medical care is delivered by competent physicians.*

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