

2000 Press Releases

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31 Doctors Disciplined

During its August 24-26 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 31 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: 1 surrender; 15 suspensions, of which 6 were stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; 9 restrictions; 4 public reprimands; in addition, 7 administrative penalties totaling \$18,350 were assessed.

Dr. Anderson named President of Board

Governor George W. Bush has appointed Lee S. Anderson, M.D., as the new President of the Board. William H. Fleming III, M.D., who has served as president since 1995, will remain on the Board. Dr. Fleming has been elected vice-speaker of the Texas Medical Association House of Delegates.

Dr. Anderson is an ophthalmologist in Fort Worth and president of Retina Consultants, P.A. He is the former president of the Tarrant County Medical Society and was a trustee of Saint Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Anderson earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Rule Changes

The Board adopted the following rule changes that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 166, Physician Registration: amendment to 166.2 regarding penalty fees for failure to comply with continuing medical education requirements. Chapter 183, Acupuncture: rule review and amendments to 183.1-183.5, repeal of 183.6-183.23 and new 183.6-183.21. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants: rule review and amendments to 185.2, 185.4-185.7, 185.14, 185.16-185.17, repeal of 185.18-185.29 and new 185.18-185.28. Chapter 187, Procedure: amendment to 187.33 regarding requests for oral arguments during proposals for decision. Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders: new 193.10 regarding collaborative management of glaucoma.

Proposed Rules

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the *Texas Register* and comment: Chapter 162, Supervision of Medical Students: amendment to 162.3(1) to change the words "in training" to "enrolled." Chapter 164, Physician Advertising: new section 164.4 relating to the use of the term "board certification" by physicians in advertising. Chapter 165, Medical Records: amendment to 165.2(b) to change "15 days" to "15 business days" after receipt of request. Chapter 170, Authority of Physician to Prescribe for the Treatment of Pain: rule review, no changes. Chapter 171, Physicians in Training: proposed amendments to 171.2-171.3 relating to Canadian postgraduate training programs and the time frame for permits, as well as requirements for copies of ECFMG certificates. Chapter 174, Telemedicine: rule review; amendments to 174.13 regarding home health orders and hospice services, and 174.15 to correct the annual registration fee. Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications: amendment to 175.1 relating to fees for the

practice of office-based anesthesia and late applications for biennial recertification. Chapter 177, Certification of Non-profit Health Organizations: proposed 177.7(3) to provide for late fees for renewal of non-profit health organizations and adjust time frame for submission of documents. Chapter 186, Supervision of Physician Assistant Students. Rule review and extensive rewrite of the chapter to bring the rule up to date. Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia: amendment to 192.4 relating to office-based anesthesia annual registration. Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders: Rule review and amendments to 193.1, 193.2, 193.3, 193.4, 193.5, 193.6, 193.7, 193.8. The amendments will clarify cite references to the Tex. Occ. Code Ann. Chapter 194, Non-Certified Radiologic Technicians. Rule review and amendments to 194.2, 194.3, and 194.4. The amendments will clarify that a non-certified technician must be listed on the current registry with the Texas Department of Health, must be under the supervision of a current and active licensed physician, and must submit a completed registration form as a part of annual renewal.

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