

## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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### **TMB suspends Laredo physician**

On October 6, 2016, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas medical license of Judson J. Somerville, 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 the pattern of practice established since Dr. Somerville's restriction indicates he has continued to prescribe very high doses of opioids in an escalating fashion, and has switched to prescribing injectable opioids for non-cancer patients, in violation of the standard of care.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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