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Dr. Kirksey Installed as Federation President

Thomas D. Kirksey, M.D., was installed as the 82nd chief elected officer of the Federation of State Medical Boards at its annual meeting in Chicago April 9-12. Doris C. Brooker, M.D., of Eden Prairie, Minn., a former president of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, was elected chair-elect and Lee E. Smith, M.D., of Princeton, W.Va., was elected vice chair. Dr. Kirksey has served on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners since 1995, and was recently reappointed to the Board.

New Publication Includes Hot News You Need

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has established this on-line newsletter to better inform licensees of important issues and news needed to stay in compliance with the Board's rules and Texas law. This issue looks at changes brought about by the 78th Texas Legislature.

Governor Reappoints Board Members; Officers Elected

Governor Rick Perry has reappointed four members of the board, with their terms expiring April 13, 2007: The board also elected officers at its June 5-6 meeting. The reappointments and elected officers are as follows:

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

Thomas D. Kirksey, M.D., earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and has practiced in Austin as a cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon since 1969. He serves on the board as the chair of the Disciplinary Process Review Committee. He has served as the Medical Director at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and is a former President of the Travis County Medical Society, the Central Texas Medical Foundation and is on the Board of Directors for the Travis County Heart Association. Dr. Kirksey is also on the President's Council of the University of Texas.

Eddie J. Miles Jr. is a public member of the Board. He is the Director of Community Projects for the Bexar County District Attorney's Office, as well as a part-time faculty member of San Antonio College, Palo Alto College and St. Philip's College. He earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina A&T State University and master's degrees from Troy State University, the University of

Oklahoma and Phillip's University. He is a former Mayor Pro Tem of Live Oak, and he serves on the Board of Trustees of the United Way and on the Executive Committee of the San Antonio Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is president of the Academy Advisory Corporate Council of the Academy of Creative Education, an alternative high school for the North East Independent School District.

Elvira Pascua-Lim, M.D., is a native of the Philippines and a graduate of the University of the Philippines, College of Medicine. She completed her general psychiatry residency training at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and her forensic fellowship training at the University of California, Davis. She is the medical director of Lubbock Regional Mental Health Retardation and maintains a private practice in forensic psychiatry.

Larry Price, D.O., is an assistant professor at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine and senior staff cardiologist at Scott and White Clinic in Temple. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Critical Care Medicine and Cardiac Electrophysiology. He earned his medical degree from the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. At the June 5-6 board meeting, Dr. Price was elected Vice President of the Board.

Nancy M. Seliger, a public member of the board, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the board at the June meeting. Ms. Seliger received a BBA in petroleum land management from the University of Texas at Austin. She works in recruiting and business development for the Underwood law firm in Amarillo. She serves on the M.D. Anderson Board of Visitors and the board of the Amarillo Museum of Art and also volunteers with the Boy Scouts of America, the Texas Lyceum and the Amarillo Symphony Ball.

Members Leaving Board

Also at the June board meeting, the board recognized the following members, who will leave the board when their replacements are appointed by the Governor:

Janet Tornelli-Mitchell, M.D., of Dallas, who has served on the board since 1997, and was Vice President of the Board from 2000 until 2003. Dr. Tornelli-Mitchell served as chair of the Credentials Verification Service Committee, on the Licensure Committee, on the Ad Hoc Committee for Integrative and Complementary Medicine, and on the Public Information/Profile Committee.

Mr. Ed Hicks Sr., a public member from Corpus Christi, served from 1997-2003. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the board from 2000-2003, chair of the Finance Committee and was on the Legislative and Disciplinary Process Review Committees.

Peter Chang, M.D., of Houston, served on the board from 1997-2003. He was chair of the Standing Orders Committee and served on the Licensure and Public Information/Profile Committees.

Teddy Turner, J.D., a public member from Austin, served on the board from 1995-2003. She was chair of the Licensure Committee and served on the Credentials Verification Service Committee and the Telemedicine Committee.

Governor Names Three to Acupuncture Board

Governor Rick Perry has named three people to the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners. They are **Sheng Ting (Sam) Chen**, of Austin; **Hoang Xiong Ho, L.Ac.**, of San Antonio; and **Terry G. Rascoe, M.D.**, of Temple.

Mr. Chen, an Austin businessman, received a B.S. in Business Administration from Fu Jun University, Taipei, Taiwan. He has visited China with U.S. and local officials to promote commerce, and is currently president of the Austin-Xishuangbanna Sister Cities Committee. He owns Sam Chen Inc., a property management company, and is involved with motel and hotel design, construction and management.

Mr. Ho completed his undergraduate education at Meng Seng College in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 1969, as well as a three-year apprenticeship in acupuncture, also in Cambodia. He has completed additional training in Traditional Chinese Medicine at Shanghai College in Shanghai, China. He has been nationally certified in acupuncture with NCCAOM since 1989. He has had an established practice in San Antonio since 1984 and in Kerrville since 1993.

Dr. Rascoe obtained his undergraduate degree from Baylor University in 1981 and his medical degree from Texas A & M in 1985. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and the American Board of Holistic Medicine. Dr. Rascoe serves as the Medical Director of the Scott & White Northside Clinic in Temple. He received his acupuncture training from UCLA in 1999 and uses this therapy primarily to treat chronic pain symptoms.

Rule Changes

The Board approved the following rule changes from the December, 2002, through the June, 2003, board meetings:

[Chapter 163](#), Licensure. Amendments to §§163.1, 163.3-.5, and 163.10 regarding definitions, examinations accepted by the board, and relicensure requirements. Amendment to §163.3 regarding cleanup of language concerning the definition of "graduate of an acceptable unapproved foreign medical school."

[Chapter 164](#), Physician Advertising. Rule review with no recommended changes.

[Chapter 167](#), Reinstatement and Reissuance. Rule review and amendments to §§167.1-.2 and .4-.6 regarding procedures for reinstatement and reissuance of a license.

[Chapter 169](#), Authority of Physicians to Supply Drugs. Rule review and amendments to §§169.1-.5 and 169.7 for general cleanup of the chapter.

[Chapter 171](#), Postgraduate Training Permits. Amendments to §§171.1 and 171.2 regarding reporting requirements relating to postgraduate training permits and streamlining the process for issuing postgraduate training permits.

[Chapter 173](#), Physician Profiles. Amendments to §173.1 regarding board actions contained in the profile.

[Chapter 174](#), Telemedicine. Amendments to §§174.1-.6, .10, and .12-.14 to clarify definitions and informed consent and for general cleanup of the chapter; and new §174.17 regarding the use of the Internet in medical practice.

[Chapter 175](#), Fees, Penalties, and Applications. Amendment to §§175.1 and 175.4 relating to fees and applications required for reissuance of a physician assistant license.

[Chapter 177](#), Certification of Non-Profit Health Organizations. Amendment to §177.16 regarding the complaint procedure notification.

[Chapter 179](#), Investigation Files. Rule review and amendments to §§179.1-.4 repeal of §179.5-.6 and new §179.5 for general cleanup of the chapter and to update statutory cites.

[Chapter 183](#), Acupuncture. Amendments to §§183.1-183.4 and 183.6-183.18 for general cleanup of the chapter and the complaint procedure notification. Amendment to §183.3 regarding the number of board meetings to be held during a year and amendment to §183.20 regarding continuing acupuncture education requirements.

[Chapter 184](#), Surgical Assistants. Amendments to §§184.4, 184.6, and 184.8 regarding licensure documentation, license renewal, and examinations; and amendments to §§184.19, 184.21, and 184.25 regarding the complaint procedure notification, correction of the name of a surgical assistant association, and continuing education for surgical assistants. Amendment to §184.6 regarding licensure documentation for examinations.

[Chapter 185](#), Physician Assistants. Amendment to §185.3 regarding the number of board meetings to be held during a year and proposed amendment to §185.16 concerning the supervision of physician assistants by hospital emergency room directors.

[Chapter 187](#), Procedural Rules. Amendments to §§187.10, .12, and .13 which will formalize the procedure whereby the Executive Director has the authority to offer restricted licenses and permits; and amendments to §§187.16, 187.18, 187.27, 187.28, and 187.39 regarding informal board proceedings, State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings, default judgments,

discovery, and costs of administrative hearings. Amendments to §§187.18 and 187.58 regarding the role of the board's legal counsel during a hearing.

[Chapter 188](#), Complaint Procedure Notification. Rule review and amendment to §188.1 regarding the forms for complaint procedure notification.

[Chapter 190](#), Disciplinary Guidelines. Rule review with no recommended changes.

[Chapter 191](#), District Review Committees. Rule review and proposed amendments to §§191.1 and 191.3-191.5 for general cleanup of the chapter.

[Chapter 193](#), Standing Delegation Orders. Amendments to §193.6 regarding supervision waiver requests.

[Chapter 196](#), Voluntary Surrender of a Medical License. Rule review and amendments to §§196.1-.5 for general cleanup of the chapter.

[Chapter 197](#), Emergency Medical Services. Rule review and amendments to §§197.2 and 197.3 regarding definitions and responsibilities of the off-line medical director.

[Chapter 198](#), Unlicensed Practice. Rule review with no changes.

[Chapter 199](#), Public Information. Amendment to §199.2 regarding clarification of the deadline for members of the public to submit requests to speak to the Public Information Committee.

[Chapter 200](#), Standards for Physicians Practicing Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Note: new title). Rule review and amendments to §§200.1-.2 for general cleanup of the chapter. Amendments to §200.3 which will add detail regarding informed consent, adequate medical records, treatment plan, therapeutic validity, and clinical investigations. For copies of the rules go to

<http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/rules/rules/bdrules.php> or e-mail Pat Wood at pat.wood@tmb.state.tx.us

Disciplinary Actions

Aboloye, Pius A., M.D., Flower Mound, TX, Lic. #BP-10002194

A Board Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's Texas Postgraduate Resident Permit. Action due to his incarceration in a state penitentiary. Dr. Aboloye may file a Motion for Rehearing within 20 days of the Order. If a Motion for Rehearing is filed and the Board denies the motion, the Order is final. If a Motion for Rehearing is filed and the Board grants the motion, the Order is not final and a hearing will be scheduled. Dr. Aboloye did not file a motion for rehearing; therefore the order was effective 1-09-03.

Adelman, Harold F., M.D., Desoto, TX, Lic. #H3965

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 suspending the physician's license

for six months; after this period of suspension, the suspension is stayed and the physician is placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Ahmed, Faiz, M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #J4683

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 restricting the physician's license for 10 years under certain terms and conditions, including that he not provide care to any female patients. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public; and disciplinary action by peers.

Aitken, Phil A., M.D., South Burlington, VT, Lic. #D4008

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 indefinitely suspending the physician's medical license. Action due to disciplinary action by another state and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

Alsop, Ernest C., M.D., Rockport, TX, Lic. #J6300

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 indefinitely suspending the physician's license. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs; inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of illness or substance abuse; unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public; and failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare.

Arango, Luis F., M.D., Mission, TX, Lic. #G2632

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 restricting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to disciplinary action by a state professional medical association or society that was based on unprofessional conduct or professional incompetence that was likely to harm the public and that was appropriate and reasonably supported by evidence submitted to the Board.

Arauzo, Arturo C., M.D., Plano, TX, Lic. #G2896

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Autrey, Ezell S., M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #G1320

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Avila, Fernando, M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #G2899

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to release of medical records.

Aziz, Youssef, M.D., The Woodlands, TX, Lic. #F5144

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Bailly, George A., D.O., Houston, TX, Lic. #L0009

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Baker, David R., M.D., Sulphur, OK, Lic. #D3142

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 suspending the physician's medical license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for seven years under certain terms and conditions, including restriction of prescriptive authority and 24 hours CME each year in addiction medicine and medical record-keeping. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to medical records and pain treatment; and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public.

Baker, Merrimon W., M.D., Cleveland, TX, Lic. #G4807

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000. Action due to failure to provide medical records when requested by the Board within two weeks of the request.

Baribeau, Alan D., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #D9352

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Barnes, Stephen A., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #K5800

An Order was entered on 5-27-03 suspending the physician's medical license. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, and using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Barnett, Stephen E., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #D3147

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Barr, John C., M.D., Heath, TX, Lic. #J4704

On 6-6-03, the Board voted to order the revocation of the physician's Texas medical license. Action based on unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public. The physician may file a Motion for Rehearing within 20 days of the Order. If a Motion for Rehearing is filed and the Board denies the motion, the Order is final. If a Motion for Rehearing is filed and the Board grants the motion, the Order is not final and a hearing will be scheduled.

Barzune, Lawrence, M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #D5911

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to release of medical records.

Beggs, Tiffany L., D.O., Vidor, TX, Lic. #K8875

An Agreed Order was entered on 5-6-03 suspending the physician's license, staying the suspension, and placing the physician on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness,

drunkenness, or excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance, or because of a mental or physical condition.

Beyer, David M., D.O., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #D5350

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 placing the physician under certain terms and conditions for one year. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Biddix, Jerry W., M.D., Winters, TX, Lic. #E3855

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 placing the physician under certain terms and conditions for two years. Action due to failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare.

Blanchard, David E., D.O., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #J3743

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-4-02 publicly reprimanding the physician. Action due to disciplinary action by another state.

Bohan, Timothy P., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H3784

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board Rules relating to failure to deliver the medical records subpoenaed within the required time period.

Bowman, Albert, M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #D3161

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500 and requiring 20 hours CME in record-keeping and risk management and monitoring of prescriptions. Action due to failure to maintain adequate medical records.

Brackett, Fred B., M.D., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #E7836

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to disciplinary action by peers.

Bransford, Paris, M.D., Pasadena, TX, Lic. #D7920

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 in which the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. Action due to physician's inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to illness.

Brown, John D., M.D., Houston, TX, Institutional Permit #40159

An Order was entered on 6-4-03 suspending the physician's institutional permit. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, and intemperate use of alcohol or drugs that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Brown, Michael G., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #G3190

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 11-6-02 temporarily suspending the physician's license due to evidence and information that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. An agreed order was entered on 12-18-02 revoking the physician's license; however, the revocation was stayed and the

physician was placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. In addition, an administrative penalty in the amount of \$25,000 was assessed. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; and violation of a previous order of the board.

Caballero, Yuri J., M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #J8938

An Agreed Order was entered on 1-15-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to false and misleading statement, document, or certificate in an application for a license.

Cammack, James T., M.D., Kerrville, TX, Lic. #H5696

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 6-4-03 temporarily suspending the physician's license due to evidence and information that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act. It is further ordered that the Temporary Suspension Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Capitane, Raul, M.D., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #H4885

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000, and restricting his license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public; and failure to supervise adequately the activities of those acting under physician's supervision.

Chambless, Nelson, M.D., Miami, FL, Lic. #H1050

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Chandler, Eddie Ray, M.D., Bowie, TX, Lic. #D4066

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-8-03 restricting the physician's license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, prescribing or dispensing to habitual user, nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, and administering dangerous or controlled drugs in an improper manner.

Chaturvedi, Ram P., M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #J0928

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000, and placing the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Chepko, James D., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #F0931

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed, and failure to maintain adequate medical records for each patient and failure to follow Board guidelines for the treatment of pain.

Clark, Beverly A., M.D., Amarillo, TX, Lic. #G0588

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 in which the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered her Texas medical license. Action due to unprofessional conduct.

Clark, Cordell, M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #F8827

On 12-13-02 the Board voted to revoke the physician's license. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public due to the physician's practicing medicine while his license was suspended. This order was final and effective 12-13-02.

Corley, Ronald G., M.D., Lufkin, TX, Lic. #D8519

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed.

Debenedetto, Richard B., M.D., Amarillo, TX, Lic. #J9579

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician; requiring 10 hours of CME in ethics; and passage of the Texas Medical Jurisprudence Exam. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public; and administering dangerous or controlled drugs in an improper manner.

De Carvalho, Guaracy F., M.D., George West, TX, Lic. #E3677

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, and administering dangerous or controlled drugs in an improper manner.

Dinh, Quan A., M.D., Salinas, CA, Lic. #J8516

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 revoking the physician's license. Action due to disciplinary action taken by another state.

Ellis, Neely J., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #C3647

On 3-28-03, the Board voted to order the revocation of the physician's Texas medical license and assess an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000. Action based on unprofessional conduct and nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment. On 6-6-03, a request for an extension to file a motion for rehearing filed by Dr. Ellis was not approved by the Board. Therefore, the order dated 4-21-03 was final 6-6-03.

Gailunas, Peter, Jr., M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #F2253

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 requiring five hours of CME in ethics and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to improper billing; and unprofessional conduct.

Garcia, Francisco J., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #G8846

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to failure to release medical records in a timely manner.

Garza, Gumaro, M.D., Edinburg, TX, Lic. #E7943

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$6,000. Action due to violation of Board rules regarding maintenance of adequate medical records.

Green, Casey, M.D., Galveston, TX, Lic. #BP3-0007741

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's Texas Postgraduate Resident Permit.. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physical condition; and using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Grier, Raymond E., M.D., Perris, CA, Lic. #G4586

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 restricting the physician's license in that he shall not practice medicine in Texas until the Texas Medical Board grants the physician permission to practice medicine. Action due to disciplinary action by another state.

Griswold, Jody M., D.O., San Benito, TX, Lic. #K9204

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 revoking the physician's medical license. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of illness or substance abuse.

Guerra, Francisco J., M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #F5556

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to using advertising statements that are false, misleading or deceptive.

Guilliams, Stephen E., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #E2591

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; and prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is prescribed.

Gutierrez, Alfredo Jr., M.D., Del Rio, TX, Lic. #C8293

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license for

five years under terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs.

Haglund, Rodger, M.D., Abilene, TX, Lic. #G4590

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician; requiring a course in patient sensitivity; and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

Haji, Asha Karim, M.D., Bryan, TX, Lic. #E2220

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to the release of medical records.

Hale, William P., M.D., Amarillo, TX, Lic. #C8561

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 requiring a three-hour course in Child and Adolescent Psychology focusing on behavior management and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to unprofessional conduct.

Hardy, Robert, M.D., Colleyville, TX, Lic. #E6401

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 suspending the physician's medical license. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner; use of drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life; disciplinary action by peers; and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Hartwright, Alva J. Jr., M.D., Doylestown, PA, Lic. #D0906

On 6-6-03, the Board voted to order the revocation of the physician's Texas medical license. Action based on unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public. There was no motion filed for a rehearing; therefore the order was final 7-7-03.

Hearn, R.E., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #C3695

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 ordering the physician to fully comply with the stipulated agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office on behalf of the Drug Enforcement Administration, which requires the physician to pay \$75,000 to the United States. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Hemeyer, Mark M., M.D., Little Rock, AR, Lic. #G0725

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 in which the physician voluntarily surrendered his license. Action due to disciplinary action taken in another state.

Hernandez, Arthur, M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #G1674

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to writing prescriptions for or dispensing to a person who is known to be an abuser of narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs or to a person who

the physician should have known was an abuser of the narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs.

Hofmann, Robert F., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #G1918

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules regarding maintenance of medical records.

Houchin, Jerry D., D.O., Mount Pleasant, TX, Lic. #D1223

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500, and requiring 50 hours of continuing medical education, with at least one course in the area of risk management. Action due to disciplinary action by peers.

Hubner, Richard T., D.O., Throckmorton, TX, Lic. #H0471

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; use of alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life; unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; and administering dangerous or controlled drugs in an improper manner.

Hughes, Charles V.O., M.D., Levelland, TX, Lic. #G2997

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

January, Bruce E., M.D., Lawrenceville, GA, Lic. #K7561

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to writing false or fictitious prescriptions.

Johnson, Danny R., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H0499

On 12-13-02 the Board voted to order the revocation of the physician's Texas medical license. Action based on unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; prescribing or dispensing to habitual user; and administering dangerous or controlled drugs in an improper manner. A final Default Judgment Order was entered 3-28-03 revoking the physician's medical license. Action due to nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment.

Johnson, Gerald W., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #D6462

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 revoking the physician's license; however, the revocation was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health.

Jones, Gary R., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #D0928

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 in which the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas license effective 1-08-03. Action due

to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; and disciplinary action by a licensed hospital or medical staff of a hospital, including suspension of hospital privileges, or other disciplinary action.

Kapusta, Mario O., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #F0537

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to failure to complete one hour of ethics training during a reporting year, as required by Board Rule 166.2(a)(2).

Kats, Bernhard A., M.D., New York, NY, Lic. #F4898

On 2-7-03 the Board voted to publicly reprimand the physician. Action due to disciplinary action in another state; and filing false registration information. The physician did not file a motion for rehearing so the order was final effective 3-7-03.

Kearse, William O., M.D., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #G9933

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 limiting the physician's license for three years under certain terms and conditions; requiring 10 hours of CME in risk management; and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and violation of Board rules.

Khorsandi, Medi, M.D., McKinney, TX, Lic. #J3329

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 limiting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to disciplinary action by peers.

Kimmel, Robert B., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #E6457

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 revoking physician's medical license based upon his conviction of a felony, Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(5)(B).

King, Clarence G., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #E1883

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension is stayed and the physician is placed on probation for seven years under terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, and intemperate use of alcohol or drugs.

King, Constancio, M.D., Amarillo, TX, Lic. #E0515

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 publicly reprimanding the physician. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare, and disciplinary action by another state.

Kolaja, John W., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #C7019

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to aiding or abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine, and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Krum, Theodore J., M.D., Irving, TX, Lic. #H2517

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

LeBlanc, Mary M., M.D., McAllen, TX, Lic. #H4481

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to release of medical records.

Leath, Robert M., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H4480

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance; and intemperate use of alcohol or drugs.

Lee, Nam K., M.D., Pampa, TX, Lic. #E6471

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; and disciplinary action by peers.

Leonard, Philip J., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #E8662

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 3-08-03 temporarily suspending the physician's license due to evidence and information that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act. It is further ordered that the Temporary Suspension Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Levine, Marc M., M.D., Manalapan, NJ, Lic. #H5131

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional conduct; violation of laws connected with the practice of medicine; and disciplinary action taken by another state.

Levy, Larry D., M.D., Albuquerque, NM, Lic. #J4893

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 requiring 50 hours of CME in EKG interpretation and 20 hours in acute cardiac care and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Light, Kevin D., D.O., Granbury, TX, Lic. #J9162

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for seven years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physical condition; using

alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life; prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and failure to keep complete and accurate drug records.

Lipscomb, Larry B., M.D., Wharton, TX, Lic. #G5303

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 placing the physician under terms and conditions. Action due to failure to maintain adequate medical records, and disciplinary action by peers.

Loya, Juan, M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #J4309

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, by writing false or fictitious prescriptions.

Madisetti, Narayan S., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #F2335

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license for five years under terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare.

Magee, Douglas, M.D., Spring, TX, Lic. #H4511

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 in which the physician voluntarily surrendered his license. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare; and intemperate use of alcohol or drugs that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Mailman, Douglas, M.D., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #J7350

An Agreed Order was entered on 11-20-02 revoking the physician's license; however, the revocation was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of illness or substance abuse; use of alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life; and writing false or fictitious prescriptions for dangerous drugs.

Mangapuram, B. R., M.D., The Woodlands, TX, Lic. #J9189

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,500. Action due to false, misleading, or deceptive advertising.

Martin, Pamela M., M.D., Amarillo, TX, Lic. #H8232

On 6-6-03, the Board voted to order the revocation of the physician's Texas medical license. Action based on unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare. The physician filed a Motion for Rehearing within 20 days of the Order. Therefore, the Order is not final and a hearing will be scheduled.

Martinez, Jorge A., M.D., Edinburg, TX, Lic. #H1801

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life; and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Matthews, Earl C., M.D., Greenville, TX, Lic. #J4908

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

McCaleb, William, M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #D3333

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to disciplinary action by peers.

McCarroll, Gregory D., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #G5351

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000, and placing the physician's license under terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare by failing to discuss colon cancer screening alternatives with one patient.

McKinney, Michael K., M.D., Cottonwood, AZ, Lic. #G9497

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 in which the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. Action due to unprofessional conduct.

McNally, Lawrence, M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #G2780

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to delegating medical responsibilities to unqualified persons.

Meer, Shahid, M.D., Odessa, TX, Lic. #K0931

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and restricting his medical license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner; and failure to maintain adequate medical records.

Meshel, William, M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #E9306

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Miller, Brian, M.D., Ennis, TX, Lic. #H8259

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Minifee, Paul K., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #G3613

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Moisant, Michael A., D.O., Wichita Falls, TX, Lic. #K7585

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to unprofessional conduct.

Molhusen, George, D.O., Garland, TX, Lic. #D5445

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, to wit; failure to retain a medical record for at least seven years.

Moran, Wilmer, Jr., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #E1684

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 suspending the physician's medical license. Action due to physical impairment.

Morris, Milinda M., M.D., Denton, TX, Lic. #G8050

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Morrow, Lynn, M.D., Tyler, TX, Lic. #H3125

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed.

Muniz, Sergio E., M.D., Amarillo, TX, Lic. #J1235

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and placing the physician under certain terms and conditions for five years. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, and prescribing or dispensing to habitual user.

Natalino, Michael R., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #F2821

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician; requiring 50 hours of CME in ethics and treating substance abuse; passage of the Texas Medical Jurisprudence exam; maintaining adequate medical records; and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and prescribing or dispensing to a habitual user.

Neece, Stephen R., M.D., Wichita Falls, TX, Lic. #E1910

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 6-4-03 temporarily suspending the physician's license due to evidence and information that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as

soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act. It is further ordered that the Temporary Suspension Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Neisner, David R., M.D., Columbus, TX, Lic. #J4383

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500; and requiring 25 hours of continuing medical education in the area of use and prescribing of controlled substances. Action due to writing prescriptions for or dispensing to a person who the physician should have known was an abuser of narcotic drugs, controlled substances or dangerous drugs.

Nikko, Anthony P., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #K5639

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to false, misleading or deceptive advertising.

Norkiewicz, Brian J., M.D., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #J4395

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 requiring 10 hours of CME in ethics and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an accepted manner consistent with public health and welfare and violation of Board rules relating to medical records.

Nuila-Crouse, Richard F., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #G9634

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

O'Brien, Robert J., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #J2712

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 suspending the physician's license. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive to defraud the public or injure the public.

O'Bryant, Timothy J., M.D., Texas City, TX, Lic. #H2649

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 in which the physician voluntarily surrendered his license. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Ogin, Gary A., M.D., Englewood, CO, Lic. #G9176

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to illness or a mental or physical condition, and disciplinary action by another state.

Oliveira, Elizabeth J., M.D., New Orleans, LA, Lic. #C8833

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500, and restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Osuji, Ikechukwu A., M.D., Coppell, TX, Lic. #K6669

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 placing the physician under certain terms and conditions. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Oswalt, John D., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #D8375

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive to defraud the public or injure the public.

Parsons, James T., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #C6816

On 2-7-03 the Board voted to revoke the physician's license. Action due to conviction of felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. A motion for rehearing filed by the physician on 3-3-03 was denied by the board on 3-24-03. The order revoking the physician's license was effective 3-24-03.

Patel, Chetankumar C., M.D., Sierra Vista, AZ, Lic. #K4184

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to disciplinary action by another state.

Pathak, Ajay J., M.D., Carrollton, TX, Lic. #J6202

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Pathikonda, Maya, M.D., Victoria, TX, Lic. #J8082

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to the release of medical records.

Pazdral, George H., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #F1890

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$750. Action due to failing to provide a medico-legal report to a patient for which the physician had been paid.

Pedraza, Pablo, M.D., Milwaukee, WI, Lic. #D7239

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 restricting the physician's license in that he shall not practice medicine in Texas. Action due to disciplinary action by another state, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Pena, Manuel G., M.D., Bacliff, TX, Lic. #D2955

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000, and restricting his license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to aiding or abetting the corporate practice of medicine by any person, partnership, association, or corporation that is not duly licensed to practice medicine by the Board.

Perez, Willard O., M.D., Big Lake, TX, Lic. #K3390

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to injure the public.

Phelps, Charles R., II, M.D., Sherman, TX, Lic. #F7884

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license for five years under terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs.

Pinaroc, Ambrosio F., M.D., Sulphur, OK, Lic. #E9335

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license. Action due to disciplinary action by another state.

Platt, Reginald, D.O., Houston, TX, Lic. #D7867

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and restricting his medical license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner; and failure to maintain adequate medical records.

Powell, Burrell E., M.D., Conroe, TX, Lic. #C3175

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare.

Quaicoe, Sannichie, M.D., Mission, TX, Lic. #K1904

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Quintana, Oscar F., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #K5672

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 suspending the physician's medical license. Action due to use of alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that could endanger a patient's life.

Ramirez, Roque, M.D., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #K4201

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 restricting the physician's license for four years under terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Rellas, James S., M.D., Carrollton, TX, Lic. #F8301

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-06-03 requiring additional CME in ethics and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to false, misleading, or deceptive advertising.

Reyes, Antonio De P, M.D., Mount Pleasant, TX, Lic. #F2876

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 restricting the physician's license for five years under terms and conditions, including having a monitor and completion of 20 hours CME in Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics; and obtaining consultations for patients with diabetes or gestational diabetes.

Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Ringer, B. R., Jr., D.O., Houston, TX, Lic. #G0011

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 revoking the physician's license. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.

Rocha, Ricardo A., M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #D3385

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and restricting his license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Rochon, Roy, M.D., Irving, TX, Lic. #H5615

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to violations of Section 164.052(a)(4) of the Act.

Rubin, Joel, D.O., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #J5885

A Mediated Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Saller, Christy L., M.D., Bellaire, TX, Lic. #D8073

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 restricting the physician under terms and conditions, including having clinics under her control accredited. Action due to failure to supervise delegates.

Santos, Juan Felipe, M.D., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #H2754

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Schnurr, Thomas S., M.D., El Paso, TX, Institutional Permit #34900

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 canceling the physician's Institutional Permit. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physical condition, and disciplinary action by peers.

Sebring, Lane, M.D., Wimberley, TX, Lic. #J7661

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to failure to maintain adequate medical records and failure to document compliance with the stated practice guidelines for integrative and complementary medicine.

Seid, Norman, M.D., White Oak, TX, Lic. #F8664

An Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license. Action due to the physician serving a prison term in a state or federal penitentiary.

The physician did not file a motion for rehearing; the order is final effective 1-13-03.

Sertich, Christopher M., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #H4695

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; and delegation to an unqualified person.

Shah, Sureshchandra, M.D., Palm Desert, CA, Lic. #G0538

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 in which the physician voluntarily surrendered his Texas license. Action due to disciplinary action taken by another state.

Sharman, Ralph, Sr., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #D7300

An Agreed Order was entered on 5/21/03 assessing a reprimand and terms and conditions. Action due to failure to maintain medical records on treatment of family members in violation of Board rules.

Sikand, Gurleen, M.D., Shreveport, LA, Lic. #J5643

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Smith, Donald W., M.D., Spring, TX, Lic. #D6870

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 revoking the physician's license; however, the revocation is stayed and the physician is placed on probation for 10 years under terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, and inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness or substance abuse.

Smith, Frank A. III, M.D., Crockett, TX, Lic. #D7878

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Smith, George J., M.D., Pampa, TX, Lic. #J5645

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician; requiring 10 hours of CME in ethics; and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to unprofessional conduct.

Soto, Leroy T., M.D., Poway, CA, Lic. #G5632

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 restricting the physician's license in that he shall not practice medicine in Texas until such time as the Board grants him permission to resume the practice of medicine. Action due to disciplinary action in another state that was based on unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure

the public; failure to maintain adequate medical records for each patient; and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Speak, Kenneth E., D.O., Kerens, TX, Lic. #C4555

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; prescribing, administering, or dispensing dangerous drugs or controlled substances in a manner inconsistent with public health and welfare; writing prescriptions for or dispensing to a person who is known to be an abuser of narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs or to a person who the physician should have known was an abuser of narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs; and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Spebar, Michael J., M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #F1252

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 in which the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his physician's license. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of a physical condition or illness.

Spencer Schup, Kimberly Ann, M.D., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #J6739

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000, and placing her under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Steward, Robert H., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H3946

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 revoking the physician's medical license. Action due to inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physical condition, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Stone, Marvin A., M.D., Harlingen, TX, Lic. #G7006

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 revoking the physician's license. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Stubblefield, Larry K., M.D., Seagoville, TX, Lic. #E9430

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Taylor, David H., M.D., Paris, TX, Lic. #K5015

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 restricting the physician's medical

license for one year under certain terms and conditions. Action due to disciplinary action taken by a licensed hospital or medical staff of a hospital.

Taylor, Ronald J., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H0878

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of a Board rule.

Thompson, Stephen K., M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #G2582

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 revoking the physician's medical license, effective 5-01-03. Action due to failure to maintain adequate medical records; failure to follow guidelines for the treatment of pain; failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and prescribing, administering, or dispensing dangerous drugs or controlled substances in a manner inconsistent with public health and welfare.

Tobin, Christopher G., M.D., Wilmington, NC, Lic. #K5414

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 publicly reprimanding the physician and restricting his license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Trimble, Terrill Jr., M.D., Wylie, TX, Lic. #C2008

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 4-11-03 temporarily suspending the physician's license due to evidence and information that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act. It is further ordered that the Temporary Suspension Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Urso, Richard G., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H6671

A Mediated Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,500. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Vadala, Richard M., M.D., The Woodlands, TX, Lic. #E3790

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Valdez, Brenda Q., M.D., College Station, TX, Lic. #BP2-0003489

An Agreed Order was entered 2-7-03 in which the physician voluntarily and

permanently surrendered her Texas postgraduate permit. Action due to disciplinary action by peers; and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public.

Valdez, Pedro, M.D., College Station, TX, Lic. #PPI-4006

A Default Judgment Order was entered 3-28-03 revoking the physician's Texas Physician In Training license. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud or harm the public. A motion for rehearing filed on 4-30-03 was denied by the board 5-20-03. The order revoking the physician's license was final effective 5-20-03.

Varon, Joseph, M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #J5933

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 publicly reprimanding the physician; requiring eight hours of CME in boundary violations; and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

Villarreal, Julian, M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #F3369

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Walker, Annie C., M.D., Forney, TX, Lic. #C2823

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to failure to complete the required yearly amount of Continuing Medical Education.

Walker, Randall D., M.D., Magnolia, TX, Lic. #G5744

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 in which the physician was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol.

Wall, Harold J., M.D., Schulenburg, TX, Lic. #F6159

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 limiting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Walters, George R., M.D., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #E4749

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life; unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public, or injure the public; inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

Ward, Gordon P., D.O., Ingleside, TX, Lic. #F2096

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 in which the physician will voluntarily and permanently surrender his license effective 12-31-02. Action

due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Webb, John Q. A., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #E3137

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000 and restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Weldon, Lloyd, D.O., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #E6947

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for 10 years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare; intemperate use of alcohol or drugs; unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; and administering dangerous or controlled drugs in an improper manner.

West, Robert Van Osdell, M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #F0350

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to failure to maintain medical records.

Whitford, Randolph P., M.D., Katy, TX, Lic. #F4680

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to unprofessional conduct, and writing improper prescriptions.

Whitman, Jeffrey, M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #F7301

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to false, misleading, and deceptive advertising.

Williams, Willie Jr., M.D., Fairfield, AL, Lic. #G9247

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. Action due to violation of Board rules relating to continuing medical education.

Williamson, Mark A., M.D., Webster, TX, Lic. #H4855

An Agreed Order was entered on 3-28-03 restricting the physician's license for seven years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to supervise adequately the activities of those acting under physician's supervision; and using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that in the Board's opinion could endanger a patient's life.

Wilson, Charles T., D.O., Groves, TX, Lic. #G1582

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 in which the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. Action due to violation of a previous order.

Winslow, James R., M.D., Dallas, TX, Lic. #C5930

An Agreed Order was entered on 6-6-03 in which the physician permanently surrendered his Texas medical license.

Winters, Charles E. Jr., D.O., Granbury, TX, Lic. #E2106

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public; writing prescriptions for or dispensing to a person who is known to be an abuser of narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs or to a person who the physician should have known was an abuser of the narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs; prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and prescribing, administering dangerous drugs or controlled drugs in an improper manner.

Zadeh, Abbas, M.D., Grapevine, TX, Lic. #F3675

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-7-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to failure to release medical records in a timely manner.

Zingery, Lewis W., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #F4724

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-13-02 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Noncertified Radiologic Technician

Grantland, A. Jan, Denison, TX, Permit #NC00732

On 3-28-03, the Board voted to order the revocation of her Non-Certified Radiologic Technician's registration permit. Action based on unprofessional conduct by commission of an act of moral turpitude. No motion for rehearing was filed, so the order of revocation was effective 4-23-03.

Physician Assistants

Culbertson, Don G., P.A., New York, NY, Lic. #PA02637

An Agreed Order was entered on 11-15-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to failure to practice as a physician assistant in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Dial, Rocky D., P.A., Dallas, TX, Lic. #PA00784

An Order was entered on 11-6-02 revoking the physician assistant's license. Action due to violation of previous order.

Franklin, Lee, P.A., Shepherd, TX, Lic. #PA02279

An Agreed Order was entered on 11-15-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to failure to practice as a physician assistant in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Hickman, James M., P.A., Mount Gilead, OH, Lic. #PA01922

An Agreed Order was entered on 11-15-02 restricting the physician assistant's license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to disciplinary action taken by another state.

Johnstone, Jerry A., P.A., Lake Jackson, TX, Lic. #PA01624

An Agreed Order was entered on 11-15-02 suspending the physician assistant's license. Action due to prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is nontherapeutic in nature or nontherapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed; and for receiving deferred adjudication of guilt for commission of a felony offense.

Kilborn, Michael B., P.A., Rotan, TX, Lic. #PA00876

An Agreed Order was entered on 5/2/03 in which the physician assistant voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license. Action due to failure to practice as a physician assistant in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare.

Morgan, Kevin D., P.A., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #PA00930

An Agreed Order was entered on 11-15-02 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to violation of Board rules.

Price-Confer, Lori M., P.A., Dallas, TX, Lic. #PA01972

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to the physician assistant's self-prescribing of a scheduled IV controlled drug, which requires a Physician's signature on the prescription.

Volpe, Jennie M., P.A., Edinburg, TX, Lic. #PA03004

An Agreed Order was entered on 2-28-03 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Formal Complaints

The following Formal Complaints have been filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the licensees listed below. The cases are unresolved as this publication is posted.

Name	License No.	Date filed	Allegations
Rafael Armendariz, D.O.	J9953	2/5/03	Aiding or abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine; failing to supervise adequately those under his supervision; unprofessional conduct.
Willie O. Autery Jr., M.D.	C6251	6/2/03	Action by another state. Abdul R. Baluch, M.D. F7693 5/28/03 Fraudulent healthcare claim; conviction of a felony.
John C. Barr, D.O.	J4704	4/23/03	Conviction of a felony; failure to adequately maintain medical records; inability to practice

Richard P. Bartlett, M.D.	J1865	2/20/03	medicine safely because of drunkenness. Unprofessional conduct; failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; nontherapeutic prescribing.
Rudolf Cantu, D.O.	H7709	5/12/03	Unprofessional conduct; action by a hospital; making false or misleading statements on a renewal application; violation of the law of Texas related to the practice of medicine.
Maurice J. Ende, M.D.	G1646	2/20/03	Failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare.
Fortney W. Fleming III, M.D.	D5989	1/31/03	Failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare.
James D. Key Sr., M.D.	E3339	5/7/03	Failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; unprofessional conduct.
Ronald A. Landefeld, M.D.	E3988	6/12/03	Conviction of a felony; failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; unprofessional conduct.
Annemarie Ledley- Lewis, D.O.	J5549	1/15/03	Unprofessional conduct; delegating to an unqualified person.
Jaime C. Lim, M.D.	G9147	2/20/03	Failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; unprofessional conduct.
Pamela Marie Martin, M.D.	H8232	4/23/03	Practicing medicine after the expiration of annual registration permit; unprofessional conduct; practicing medicine without a license.
Raymond A. Martin, M.D.	F4946	1/3/03	Conviction of a crime that involves moral turpitude; failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; unprofessional conduct; failure to maintain adequate drug records.
Montano-Martinez, Pedro M.D.	F7859	6/13/03	Failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of a board rule.
Chijioke V. Okoro, M.D.	H5598	6/5/03	Conviction of healthcare fraud, mail fraud and false tax returns.
Francisco I. Pena, M.D.	F9107	5/29/03	Delegation of professional medical responsibility or acts to an unqualified person.
Guilleromo G. Sanchez, M.D.	PIT 476060	6/5/03	Intemperate use of alcohol or drugs that could endanger a patient's life; inability to practice medicine with reasonable skills and safety due to excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals or another substance.
Terrill M. Trimble Jr., M.D.	C2008	6/13/03	Failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare; unprofessional conduct; failure to keep accurate drug records; writing prescriptions or dispensing drugs to a known abuser; nontherapeutic prescribing; dispensing drugs in a manner inconsistent with

Gwenevere E. Williams, M.D.	H7587	5/29/03	public welfare. Unprofessional conduct; overbilling and overcharging.
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Update on 78th Legislative Session's Impact on TMB

Senate Bill 104, passed unanimously by both the Texas House of Representative and the Senate, will strengthen regulation of the practice of medicine in Texas. The bill, effective September 1, was introduced by Sen. Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound) and sponsored in the House by Rep. Ray Allen (R-Grand Prairie).

The legislation encompasses both licensure and enforcement and adds new reporting requirements. Provisions include the following:

- **Licensure:** Major issues are the biennial registration process, a new \$80 license surcharge and many minor changes involving rules and processes.
- **Physician Profile:** The physician profile is expanded to include a description of settled/paid malpractice claims and removes all 10-year limits on reporting criminal and disciplinary history. The profile format must make information easily available to the public.
- **Enforcement:** Major issues are implementation of the expert panel for standard of care cases, adoption of a schedule of disciplinary sanctions, new temporary restriction/suspension provisions, a 180-day deadline to schedule informal settlement conferences, and changes to reporting and investigations regarding medical malpractice claims. There are numerous changes to rules and processes regarding investigations and complaints.
- **Reporting requirements:** The statute adds a new report of investigations pending over one year old and a statistical report of all complaints by category and dispositions. TMB will no longer be required to report all open complaints to health care entities and will now report only those pending complaints assigned for legal action. The Texas Workers Compensation Commission is required to report physician offenses to TMB.
- **Malpractice reporting:** The current requirement for an insurer to provide TMB all "notice of claim letters" is revised to require only reports of settlements and expert witness reports filed. TMB will be required to investigate the medical competency of physicians against whom three or more expert reports have been filed in three separate lawsuits within five years.

With passage of SB 104, TMB was also appropriated \$6,522,730 for enforcement for the biennium and an additional 20 staff positions. You may access the full text of SB 104 by at www.capitol.state.tx.us . After Governor

Rick Perry signed the bill on June 10, Board President Lee S. Anderson, M.D., said, "We are now ready to move forward with new language, new funding and new resolve."

Former Board Member Suzanne Ahn, M.D., Dies

Condolences to the family and friends of Suzanne Insook Ahn, who died June 22 at 51. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Steven Hays, son Foster Hays, and daughter Kimberly Hays. A neurologist, she graduated from U.S. Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 1977. Dr. Ahn served on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners from 1983 until 1989.

Free Brochures Available on Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis impacts the health of thousands of American women. Its prevention is an important goal for women and their health care providers. A woman plays a significant role in successful prevention through her daily decisions about nutrition and physical activity.

Salud En Accion Makes Online Debut

A new Hispanic health resource is available online with the debut of the Salud En Accion: National Hispanic/Latino Health Communication Research web site. The new site, under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, can be found at www.saludenaccion.org

The site offers comprehensive information about the Hispanic/Latino health communication research activities that the Center has been engaged in for several years under the leadership of Amelie G. Ramirez, DrPH. Featured on the Salud En Accion web site are "fact sheets" describing 13 current and three past research initiatives, as well as historical data and publications that are available in video, audio and print media format. The projects are categorized under breast cancer, community-based, genetics education/clinical trials recruitment, and tobacco prevention and control. Among the current initiatives is Redes En Accion: The National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network.

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