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TMB restricts Dallas physician

On December 28, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Joshua Kless Kern, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately.

Dr. Kern's temporary suspension is lifted and he is immediately placed under the following terms and conditions: publicly referred to the Texas Physician Health Program; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in his signed interim agreement with the Board; notify the Compliance Department of the Board within ten days of any drug screening violation; within 30 days undergo an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations made by the evaluating psychiatrist.

The Board panel found that on November 1, 2017, Dr. Kern was arrested by the Dallas County Hospital District Police Department and charged with Diversion of Controlled Substances. The arrest was related to two incidents that occurred at Parkland Hospital in September 2017.

Dr. Kern submitted evidence to the panel demonstrating that he has completed inpatient rehabilitation and is actively participating in outpatient programs, including drug screening and attending twelve step recovery meetings. He has not had any positive drug screens since entering treatment.

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

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