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TMB suspends license of Akili Graham, M.D., of Pearland, TX

On March 13, 2012, a Disciplinary Panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the license of Akili Graham, M.D., of Pearland, License No. K-7161, after determining that Dr. Graham presents a continuing threat and real danger to his patients and to the public.

The panel found that Dr. Graham failed to appear at an Informal Settlement Conference (ISC) scheduled for March 13, 2012, to address allegations of nontherapeutic prescribing practices and "pill mill" activities, and that his various actions constitute an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare.

In the course of the past several months, investigators with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Board determined that patients at Dr. Graham's various pain management clinics were being treated and prescribed medications, including controlled substances such as Lorcet and SOMA, by unlicensed clinic employees, without appropriate supervision or consultation by Dr. Graham, and without appropriate patient evaluation and treatment plans.

In addition, previous action was taken against Dr. Graham on May 16, 2011, when the Board temporarily suspended certificates for four pain management clinics held by Dr. Graham in the Houston area, after finding that the clinics were not operating lawfully because they were not owned by a physician and their continued operation constituted a continuing threat to the public health and welfare.

The suspension remains in effect until further action by the Board. A temporary suspension hearing, with notice, will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Graham, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Graham.