Texas Medical Board Press Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Media contact Jill Wiggins at (512) 305-7018 or jill.wiggins@tmb.state.tx.us Non-media contact: (512) 305-7030 or (800) 248-4062

## Medical Board Suspends License of Arturo A. Torres, M.D., of Houston

A panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the license of Arturo A. Torres, M.D., license #H2085, of Houston, after determining that Dr. Torres' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on the panels finding that Dr. Torres is a real danger to his patients and to the public because of his admitted physical and mental impaired status and his history of smoking crack cocaine.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Friday and the suspension was effective immediately. The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.

-30-

The Texas Medical Board, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Click here for information on filing a complaint, or call (800) 201-9353