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TMB suspends child psychiatrist Charles Fischer, M.D.

On November 22, 2011, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the medical license of Charles Henry Fischer, M.D., after determining that Dr. Fischer's continuation in the practice of medicine constitutes a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The panel found that Dr. Fischer, a child psychiatrist at the Austin State Hospital in Austin, has demonstrated a pattern of sexually abusing teenage boys in his care for inpatient psychiatric treatment over a period of nearly 20 years.

The Board has received information that there are as many as nine patients who have alleged sexual abuse by Dr. Fischer since the first patient report in 1992.

Dr. Fischer, 59, was employed at Austin State Hospital from December 1990 until his termination on November 14, 2011. He has also been employed as a psychiatrist at the Waco Center for Youth, the Southwest Neuropsychiatric Institute in San Antonio, Lutheran Social Services Residential Treatment Center for Girls and Central Counties Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The suspension remains in effect until the board takes further action.