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## Medical Board Panel Restricts License of James David Key, Sr., M.D.

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has temporarily restricted the license of James David Key, R., M.D., License #E3339, after determining that Dr. Key's continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

Dr. Key, 65, practices Orthopedic Surgery in Dallas. The restriction was based on evidence of Dr. Key's physical impairments that adversely affect his fitness to practice surgery. The order requires consultation on major surgeries, the presence of an assistant surgeon on all major surgeries and monitoring reports on all major surgeries.

The action was taken following a hearing July 28. The restriction was effective August 5, and remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent action of the Board.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, 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 Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. .

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