

1998 Press Releases

November 3, 1998

11 Doctors Disciplined

During its October 22-24 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 11 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: two revocations; five suspensions, of which two were stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; one restriction with various terms and conditions; one public reprimand; and two administrative penalties of \$12,500 were assessed.

Board Adopts New Rules

The Board adopted the following proposed rules that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 161, General Provisions, amendments to 161.1 and new section 161.4, and repeal of Chapter 189, Rule Changes, which will bring the text up to date with current practices and incorporate current Chapter 189, Rule Changes, into the chapter as a new section. Chapter 173, Applications, and Chapter 175, Schedule of Fees and Penalties, repeal of both chapters and incorporate updated text into new Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications. Chapter 181, Contact Lens Prescriptions, rule review of chapter with no amendments adopted. Chapter 185, Acupuncture, amendment to section 183.17 to correct an error.

The Board adopted new Chapter 200, Standards for Physicians Practicing Integrative and Complementary Medicine, sections 200.1-200.3, which will outline the responsibilities of physicians when providing integrative and complementary medical treatment.

Disciplinary actions

Alderman, John A., D.O., Odessa, TX, Lic. #E3639

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-24-98 wherein the physician voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license in lieu of further investigation or hearing.

Blume, Horst Gunther, M.D., Sioux City, IA, Lic. #D1551

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-24-98 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$7,500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Bowles, Theodore A. Jr., D.O., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #H7392

An Agreed Order was entered on 9-16-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Bowles' medical license. Action due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act.

Delgadillo, Francisco, M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #E0233

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-24-98 placing Dr. Delgadillo under certain terms and conditions for five years. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare and nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment.

Fowler, Stephen Rice, M.D., Breckenridge, TX, Lic. #H9514

A temporary suspension order was entered 9-3-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Fowler's license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act. An Agreed Order was entered on 10-24-98 suspending the physician's license until such time as he appears before the Board and provides sufficient evidence and information that indicates he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, impairment due to illness or chemical abuse, failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare, and disciplinary action by peers.

Levin, Ira Mark, M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #J3142

A temporary suspension order was entered 9-3-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Levin's license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act. Effective 10-24-98 an Agreed Order was entered lifting the suspension and placing the physician on probation for 10 years under various terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs and unprofessional conduct.

Lostetter, Alvin Charles, M.D., Laredo, TX, Lic. #D6070

An Agreed Order was entered 10-24-98 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for seven years under various terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public, persistent or flagrant overcharging or overtreating, and violation of laws connected with practice of medicine.

Martinez, Daniel, M.D., San Antonio, TX, Lic. # E8695

An Order was entered 10-14-98 revoking Dr. Martinez's medical license. Action due to violation of Order dated 8-22-98.

Seifert, John D., M.D., Garland, TX, Lic. #D4855

An Agreed Order was entered 10-24-98 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Tessmer, Jon F., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #G5685

An Order was entered 10-24-98 suspending the physician's license until such time as he appears before the Board and provides sufficient evidence and information that indicates he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Weitzel, Robert, M.D., Salt Lake City, UT, Lic. # H2895

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-24-98 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,500. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public and violation of Board rules.

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