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Medical Board Suspends License of David G. Watson, M.D.

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners temporarily suspended the license of David Gregory Watson, M.D., License #K4605, of Tyler, after determining that Dr. Watson's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based upon two separate incidents. First, Dr. Watson was sent home for reportedly working in the emergency room after taking cocaine. Following that incident, he consented to a drug screen, which was positive for cocaine. In the second incident, Dr. Watson's practice group relieved him of duties following an allegation of cocaine use. Dr. Watson agreed to the Board's drug screen, which was positive for cocaine.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Wednesday, August 11, 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.

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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