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Medical Board Suspends License of Arlington Physician

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has temporarily suspended the license of Roland F. Chalifoux, Jr., D.O., of Arlington (license #J8953).

The action was taken today under the Board's authority to temporarily suspend a physician's license when it determines the physician's continuation in practice is a threat to the public welfare. The action against Dr. Chalifoux, a neurosurgeon, was taken because he lost hospital privileges at four Fort Worth hospitals. The hospital actions were related to threats to patient safety involving determinations of inadequate pre- and/or post-operative care, poor surgical judgment, poor decision-making skills, and undertaking high-risk, ill-advised surgeries.

The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite and the order remains in effect until the board takes further action.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners is the state agency that regulates physicians, providing 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., is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for physicians who fail to meet the required standards of professional competency and behavior. The agency is seeking new legislation to expand current statutory authority to better fulfill its mission to ensure that medical care is delivered by competent physicians.

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