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## New PA Board Member, TXPHP Medical Director

Jason Cooper, MPAS, EMT-P, PA-C, of Midland, is a new member of the Texas Physician Assistant Board.



**Cooper**

Cooper is the Director of Clinical Education for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant Program, where he also serves on the faculty as an assistant professor. He is a member of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, the American Academy of Physician Assistants, and the Physician Assistant Education Association. Mr. Cooper graduated with a Master's degree from Texas Tech University and is an Eagle Scout.

Brad Fitzwater, M.D., started in February as the new Executive Medical Director of the Texas Physician Health Program., following the retirement of former Director Dr. William Nemeth.



**Fitzwater**

Dr. Fitzwater is a graduate of Mayo Medical School and completed his residency training in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Scott & White in Temple, Texas. Prior to medical school, he earned a BS in Chemical Engineering and gained extensive management experience working for Procter & Gamble. Dr. Fitzwater has a long-standing interest in helping those with substance use and mental health disorders.

## Prescription Delegation Questions Available Online

Passed by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature in 2013, **SB 406** created a new model for prescriptive delegation by establishing prescriptive authority agreements. They are entered into by a physician and midlevel practitioner (PA or APRN) through which the physician delegates prescribing or ordering of a drug or device.

The TMB has made available frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the new prescriptive authority agreement requirements to help licensees understand the changes in effect. To view the FAQs on the TMB website, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/prescriptive-delegation>.

Many questions center on the number of midlevels physicians can delegate prescriptive authority to, what specific information must be included in the agreements, and restrictions regarding prescribing of controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Please visit the aforementioned link to view additional FAQs related to prescriptive delegation, including facility-based practices, face-to-face meetings, controlled substances and others as they relate to the new delegation requirements. For more

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# Prescription Delegation Questions

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information on these new delegation rules, please consult **Chapter 193** of Board rules: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules>.

The published FAQs on the TMB website include the following questions and more are available online at <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/prescriptive-delegation>:

### ***Is there still a ratio for the number of APRNs or PAs to whom a physician may delegate prescriptive authority?***

The answer to the question depends on the practice setting. In facility-based hospital practices and in practices that serve medically underserved populations, there are no limitations. In all other practice settings, one physician may delegate to no more than seven full time equivalent APRNs and PAs (1:7 FTEs).

### ***Is there a waiver if a physician wants to delegate prescriptive authority to more than seven full time equivalent APRNs and PAs?***

No, the waiver process no longer exists. A physician may only delegate prescriptive authority to more than seven full time equivalent APRNs and PAs in facility based hospital practices and in practices that serve medically underserved populations. In all other settings and practice scenarios, the 1:7 FTE ratios applies.

### ***How many delegating physicians may one APRN or PA have?***

There is no limit to the number of physicians who may delegate prescriptive authority to an APRN or PA provided all requirements for such delegation are met.

### ***Do the requirements for types of practice sites still apply?***

No. The old site-based prescriptive authority system is no longer in effect.

### ***What needs to be included in a prescriptive authority agreement?***

Prescriptive authority agreements must include the following elements:

- Name, address, and all professional license numbers of all parties to the agreement;
- State the nature of the practice, practice location or practice settings;
- Identify the types of categories or drugs or devices

that may be prescribed OR the types or categories of drugs or devices that may not be prescribed;

- Provide a general plan for addressing consultations and referrals;
- Provide a plan for addressing patient emergencies;
- State the general process for communication and sharing information related to the care and treatment of patients; and
- Describe a quality assurance and improvement plan and how it will be implemented. The plan must include plans for chart reviews and periodic face to face meetings.

### ***Do I need to have a protocol in addition to a prescriptive authority agreement?***

APRNs and PAs are required to have delegated authority to provide medical aspects of patient care. Historically, this delegation has occurred through a protocol or other written authorization. Rather than have two documents, this delegation can now be included in a prescriptive authority agreement if both parties agree to do so.

### ***Who can prescribe Schedule II drugs under physician delegation?***

APRNs or PAs may prescribe Schedule II drugs in the following situations:

- (1) in a hospital facility-based practice, in accordance with

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## Rules Reminder: Physician Prescribing to Family, Friends and Self

There are a number of ethical and legal guidelines regarding physicians prescribing to family members, friends and even oneself.

National physician groups generally regard self-prescribing and prescribing to those with whom you have a close personal relationship as appropriate in certain situations, however, there are specific legal requirements that apply.

Under Board Rules, **Chapter 190.8(1)(m) - Violation Guidelines**, the rule states:

*(M) inappropriate prescription of dangerous drugs or controlled substances to oneself, family members, or others in which there is a close personal relationship that would include*

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## Board Rule Changes

The following rule changes were adopted by the Board during the February meeting. After publication in the TX Register, the rules with effective date will be posted on the TMB website: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules>

### CHAPTER 172. TEMPORARY AND LIMITED LICENSES

#### §172.5 Visiting Physician Temporary Permit

The Amendment to 172.5, relating to Visiting Physician Temporary Permit, amends 172.5(a)(2)(B) to provide that a Visiting Physician Temporary Permit holder must be supervised by a physician that has not been the subject of a disciplinary order, unless the order was administrative in nature.

### CHAPTER 183. ACUPUNCTURE

#### §183.21 Continuing Auricular Acupuncture Education for Acudetox Specialists

The Amendment to 183.21, relating to Continuing Auricular Acupuncture Education for Acudetox Specialists, amends 183.21(j) to correct an incorrect citation to other rules.

### CHAPTER 189. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

#### §189.11 Process for Approval of Physicians, Other Professionals, Group Practices, and Institutional Settings

The Amendment to 189.11, relating to Process for Approval of Physicians, Other Professionals, Group Practices, and Institutional Settings, adds new subsection (e), which provides that the executive director or his or her designee may withdraw approval for physician or professionals acting as compliance monitors for the Board or a group practice or institutional setting, upon receipt of information that such individuals or settings no longer meet the criteria under the Board rules. Additionally, the amendment creates new subsection (f), which states that upon notice of the withdrawal of approval for a group practice or institutional setting, a probationer must cease practicing medicine at the group practice or institutional setting within 10 business days.

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## Rules Reminder, Cont.

the following: (i) prescribing or administering dangerous drugs or controlled substances without taking an adequate history, performing a proper physical examination, and creating and maintaining adequate records; and (ii) prescribing controlled substances in the absence of immediate need. "Immediate need" shall be considered no more than 72 hours.

This means that when prescribing or administering dangerous drugs or controlled substances to oneself, family members, or others in which there is a close personal relationship, it is mandatory to have an adequate history, perform a proper physical examination, and create and maintain adequate records. Additionally, controlled substances may only be prescribed to meet "immediate need," or no more than 72 hours.

It is important to note the distinction between dangerous drugs and controlled substances in this rule as the "immediate need" restriction applies only to controlled substances, which include drugs listed in Schedules I through V or Penalty Groups 1, 1-A, or 2 through 4. (See [Texas Controlled Substances Act](#).)

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policies approved by the hospital's medical staff or a committee of the hospital's medical staff as provided by the hospital's bylaws to ensure patient safety and as part of care provided to a patient who:

(A) has been admitted to the hospital for an intended length of stay of 24 hours or greater; or

(B) is receiving services in the emergency department of the hospital; or

(2) as part of the plan of care for the treatment of a person who has executed a written certification of a terminal illness, has elected to receive hospice care, and is receiving hospice treatment from a qualified hospice provider.

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# Formal Complaints

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Clark-Reed, Monica A., M.D., Houston	M7120	12/19/13	Failure to meet the standard of care; non-therapeutic prescribing; inadequate medical records.
Spohn, Michael J., M.D., Bryan	M4956	12/19/13	Failure to meet the standard of care; non-therapeutic prescribing.
Ratinov, Gerald, M.D., Houston	D2823	1/7/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing; improper operation of a pain management clinic; inadequate supervision of midlevels, and inadequate medical records.
Chong, Soo Y., M.D., Houston	N5626	1/8/14	Failure to meet the standard of care; non-therapeutic prescribing; failure to adequately supervise midlevels, and inadequate medical records.
Marks, Timothy, M.D., Houston	J3719	1/8/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, and improper operation of a pain management clinic, failure to adequately supervise midlevels, and inadequate medical records.
Romain, Michael A., M.D., Austin	K1032	1/8/14	Failure to meet the standard of care; unprofessional conduct.
Covington, Karl K., M.D., Houston	G9083	1/9/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, improper operation of a pain management clinic, and inadequate medical records.
Jones, Andrew, M.D., Austin	H1972	1/10/14	Unprofessional conduct; advertising violation.
Gorden, Shawn, M.D., El Paso	L3666	1/13/14	Impairment due to drugs or alcohol; failure to cooperate with Board staff.
Koch, Justin L., M.D., Lake Charles, LA	M7339	1/13/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, failure to adequately supervise midlevels, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain and inadequate medical records.
Leong, Daniel K., D.O., Plano	G1462	1/21/14	Conviction of a felony.

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## Formal Complaints, Cont.

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
<b>Gorman, Mary G., D.O., Austin</b>	H3249	1/31/14	Unprofessional conduct, violation of prior Board order.
<b>Cruz, Suzanna O., M.D., Houston</b>	J8502	2/18/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, failure to adequately supervise midlevels, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain and inadequate medical records.
<b>Green, Ronald A., M.D., Houston</b>	L6405	2/21/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, improper operation of a pain management clinic, failure to adequately supervise midlevels, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain and inadequate medical records.
<b>Joselevitz, Joel, M.D., Houston</b>	J1703	2/21/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain and inadequate medical records.
<b>Murcia, Jamie D., M.D., Plainview</b>	J4661	2/21/14	Unprofessional conduct; violating professional boundaries.
<b>McWherter, Joseph, M.D., Fort Worth</b>	E8713	2/28/14	Unprofessional conduct; advertising violation.
<b>Sachs, Barry, D.O., Kingwood</b>	G1180	3/5/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing, failure to adequately supervise midlevels, failure to follow Board guidelines for treatment of pain and inadequate medical records.
<b>Atef-Zafarmand, Alireza, M.D., Dallas</b>	M5617	3/10/14	Inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics chemicals or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physician condition; unprofessional conduct, deceptive, assaultive, and criminal conduct.
<b>Easter, Thomas G., II, M.D., El Paso</b>	G7801	3/13/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, inappropriate prescribing, unprofessional conduct.
<b>Fears, Larry R., P.A., Big Spring</b>	PA01083	3/27/14	Failure to meet the standard of care, non-therapeutic prescribing.
<b>Gregory, William M., M.D., Grapevine</b>	N0064	3/27/14	Unprofessional conduct, inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics chemicals or another substance, or as a result of any mental or physician condition.
<b>Johnson, Rahman C., M.D., Albuquerque, NM</b>	BP10043418	3/27/14	Unprofessional conduct, using alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner that could endanger a patient's life.
<b>Rembecki, Richard M., M.D.,</b>	J2461	3/27/14	Unprofessional conduct, violation of Board rule.
<b>Smith, Stephen H., M.D., San Angelo</b>	J0271	3/28/14	Unprofessional conduct, violation of prior Board order.

# Disciplinary Actions

*The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/news>*

## QUALITY OF CARE

### **Colman, June Williams, M.D., Lic. No. K0399, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and June Williams Colman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring Dr. Colman to within one year complete at least 20 hours of in-person CME in high-risk obstetrics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 90 days. The Board found Dr. Colman failed to meet the standard of care in the obstetric treatment of three patients. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **Cooper, Viraf R., M.D., Lic. No. G4553, Edinburg**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Viraf R. Cooper, M.D., entered into an Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Cooper, and for a period of four years, prohibiting Dr. Cooper from being the primary surgeon for any instrumented surgical procedures of the thoracic or upper lumbar spine, between T2 and L1; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in techniques for placing spinal instrumentation or equivalent and eight hours in medical record keeping. The Board found Dr. Cooper improperly performed a cervical spine operation that resulted in paralysis of a patient and failed to maintain adequate medical records. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **Dodson, Darrel Wayne, M.D., Lic. No. M4038, Fort Bliss**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Darrel Wayne Dodson, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Dodson to within one year complete at least 18 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in the topic of management of medical emergencies and six hours in the topic of diagnosing and management of pulmonary embolism. The Board found Dr. Dodson failed to recognize the clinical findings that should have mandated an urgent work-up for pulmonary embolism. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **Gruesbeck, Clay, M.D., Lic. No. H7749, San Antonio**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Clay Gruesbeck, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Gruesbeck and requiring Dr. Gruesbeck to not treat patients for chronic pain or engage in the practice of pain management; within 10 days provide copies of all agreements, orders, protocols, and written directives in place governing the supervision of midlevel practitioners; have his practice monitored by another physician for 16 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 36 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in the treatment of chronic pain, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in the treatment of depression and anxiety, eight hours in treatment of ADHD, and four hours in supervising mid-level practitioners; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Gruesbeck treated numerous patients for chronic pain and anxiety with opiates and benzodiazepines, and failed to document adequate medical histories and physical examinations to justify the medications prescribed; treated the majority of the patients at issue for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), however

the medical records for those patients lacked adequate medical histories, diagnostic strategies, and other information to substantiate the diagnosis and support the treatments provided; failed to assess the patients for potential abuse or diversion of the controlled substances prescribed; and demonstrated a pattern of poor supervision of three PAs and allowed the PAs to provide refills for controlled substances using blank official prescription forms that were pre-signed by Dr. Gruesbeck.

### **Hadad, Anibal Raul, M.D., Lic. No. H1098, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Anibal Raul Hadad, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Hadad and requiring Dr. Hadad to within 90 days contact the Texas A&M Health Science Center Rural and Community Health Institute (K-STAR) for the purpose of scheduling an assessment of at least two days in length; successfully complete an education plan if recommended by K-STAR; have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours of providing critical care. The Board found Dr. Hadad failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of patient 1. Specifically, Dr. Hadad should have ordered a CT scan stat to more aggressively identify the source of a patient's septic state; and Dr. Hadad failed to maintain adequate medical records for patient 2. Specifically, the records did not contain necessary information, including the digital rectal examination. The Board found the resulting peer review action was appropriate and reasonably supported by the evidence.

### **Jankowski, Yulan Young, M.D., Lic. No. K1485, Baytown**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Yulan Young Jankowski, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Jankowski to not engage in the treatment of any chronic pain; within one year complete the physician prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; have her practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year and three attempts pass the JP Exam. The Board found Dr. Jankowski did not meet the standard of care for seven patients for whom she was treating for chronic pain, and failed to maintain adequate and consistent records for the patients in her diagnosis, treatment, and prescribing of controlled substances to the patients.

### **Kahn, Ronald F., M.D., Lic. No. L5000, Bryan**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Ronald F. Kahn, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring Dr. Kahn to enroll in, attend in-person, and successfully complete the American Academy of Pain Medicine 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and conference to obtain 32.25 credits of CME; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Kahn failed to meet the standard of care, failed to follow the Board's guidelines for the treatment of pain, and failed to keep adequate medical records with respect to one patient. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **King, Joseph D., M.D., Lic. No. L6985, Grapevine**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Joseph D. King, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. King to surrender his registration to perform office-based anesthesia and waive his right to seek registra-

tion for office-based anesthesia in the future; obtain a board certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pediatric anesthesiology to serve as his proctor; within one year complete the Clinical Competence Assessment, including Phase I and Phase II, offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within 18 months successfully complete any and all retraining, remedial measures, and/or other recommendations made by PACE; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. King failed to maintain adequate medical records and to meet the standard of care in his treatment of a high-risk minor patient. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

### **Cole, Gary B., M.D., Lic. No. E3237, Mount Pleasant**

On January 14, 2014, the Board and Gary B. Cole, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Cole to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and four hours in ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Cole self-prescribed Restoril (a sleep medication) without supporting medical records and beyond the 72-hour period of immediate need set out in Board rules and on two occasions Dr. Cole was written prescriptions by APN's employed by him without supporting medical records showing physical examinations by the APNs.

### **Howell, Daniel Lee, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. N0107, Houston**

On March 18, 2014, the Board and Daniel Lee Howell, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Howell and requiring Dr. Howell to undergo an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; limit his medical practice, including any office or inpatient practice, to treating male patients only; shall not treat female patients; shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize medication, including but not limited to controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to himself, friends, immediate family or others which there is a close relationship; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by Vanderbilt University; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Howell engaged in sexual relationships with three patients, prescribed dangerous drugs or controlled substances to three female patients with whom he had inappropriate close personal relationships, non-therapeutically prescribed medications to three female patients by failing to properly document physician examinations, evaluations, or diagnostic workups that would justify the prescribing of the medication and failed to keep and maintain adequate medical records for three female patients.

### **Menajovsky, Leon Bernardo, M.D., Lic. No. N1397, San Marcos**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Leon Bernardo Menajovsky, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Menajovsky to within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management, four hours in ethics, and four hours in medical recordkeeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Menajovsky

admitted that he was involved in an inappropriate sexual relationship with an individual he was seeing as a patient, admitted to failing to maintain any medical records for his treatment of this individual, and admitted to failing to timely inform the Board and modify his physician profile after changing his practice address.

### **Rogers, Mark Randall, M.D., Lic. No. H0770, Houston**

On January 22, 2014, the Board and Mark Randall Rogers, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Rogers to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in anger management and eight hours in physician patient communication. The Board found Dr. Rogers made inappropriate and unprofessional comments to a patient's mother concerning her lack of assistance with an upset child.

### **Schram, Richard A., M.D., Lic. No. G0080, Austin**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Richard A. Schram, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Schram to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in communication with colleagues. The Board found Dr. Schram was the subject of disciplinary actions at Seton Southwest Hospital based on several incidents of unprofessional and/or disruptive conduct against staff members and did not report these disciplinary actions to the Board in a timely fashion. The Board further found Dr. Schram was arrested for leaving the scene after being involved in a motor vehicle accident and failed to disclose this arrest on his 2010 application renewal form.

### **Sebring, Lane, M.D., Lic. No. J7661, Wimberley**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Lane Sebring, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Sebring to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Sebring distributed false or misleading statements in an advertisement in a local publication.

### **Simpson, William Gibson, M.D., Lic. No. J5017, Marshall**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and William Gibson Simpson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Simpson to within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Simpson violated professional boundaries with a female patient and admitted to having a sexual relationship with the patient.

### **Smith, Barlow, M.D., Lic. No. F9026, Marble Falls**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Barlow Smith, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Smith; prohibiting Dr. Smith from having samples of controlled substances in his office; requiring him to maintain a logbook of all sample medications provided for dangerous drugs; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours of risk management and eight hours of ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Smith was responsible for discarding pharmaceutical samples which were improperly placed on a curb in front of his office in violation of the Health and Safety Code, Controlled Substances Act. The Board further found Dr. Smith was terminated from his contract with Magellan Healthcare Services and failed to respond to

Board staff's attempts to obtain a detailed narrative regarding his termination. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## REVOCATION

### **Hoover, Samuel Clark, D.O., Lic. No. E8569, Euless**

On February 7, 2014, the Board entered a Default Order against Samuel Clark Hoover, D.O., which revoked his Texas medical license. On June 3, 2013, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in Docket No. 503-13-4659. The Complaint alleged Dr. Hoover violated the terms of his 2012 Order. On January 3, 2014, a hearing was held before SOAH. Dr. Hoover failed to appear at the hearing, and the case was dismissed and returned to the Board for resolution through its default proceedings. Service of notice of the proceeding was properly made by publication. Dr. Hoover failed to appear at the February 7, 2014 proceeding before the Board. As a result, the Board granted a Determination of Default, and Dr. Hoover's Texas medical license was revoked by Default Order.

### **Smith, Keitha Renee, M.D., Lic. No. K0202, Minden, LA**

On December 6, 2013, the Board entered a Default Order against Keitha Renee Smith, M.D., which revoked her Texas physician license. On September 2, 2012, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in case no. 503-13-0058, which alleged that Dr. Smith violated the standard of care with respect to two patients, improper closure of her office, improper handling of patient medical records and failure to respond to Board's requests for information. After filing of the SOAH Complaint, all notices were perfected and the Board issued a Determination of Default, and all other required deadlines passed without any response from Dr. Smith or her attorney of record. As a result, all facts alleged in the Complaint were therefore deemed admitted, and Dr. Smith's Texas physician license was revoked by Default Order.

### **Spratt, Lorenzo, M.D., Lic. No. F9031, Cedar Hill**

On February 7, 2014, the Board approved a Final Order revoking Lorenzo Spratt, M.D.'s Texas medical license and requiring Dr. Spratt to immediately cease practice in Texas. The Board found Dr. Spratt was unable to practice medicine safely due to substance abuse in an intemperate manner that could endanger the lives of patients. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## VOLUNTARY REVOCATION

### **Katz, Jose, M.D., Lic. No. G9131, New York, NY**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Jose Katz, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Revocation in which Dr. Katz agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Katz pled guilty in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of Social Security fraud.

### **Lahiji, Hossein, M.D., Lic. No. J9145, McAllen**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Hossein Lahiji, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation, revoking Dr. Lahiji's Texas medical license and requiring him to immediately cease practice in Texas. Dr. Lahiji was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations that he committed and was convicted of a felony violation of Federal law.

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

### **Ahlschier, Allan Dee, M.D., Lic. No. D7516, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Allan Dee Ahlschier, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Ahlschier agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Ahlschier was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations of nontherapeutic prescribing.

### **Armstrong, Davill, M.D., Lic. No. F3025, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Davill Armstrong, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Armstrong agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Armstrong indicated his desire to voluntarily surrender his medical license in lieu of further compliance with his 2011 Order.

### **Gallegos-Rosales, Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. E8493, San Antonio**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Antonio Gallegos-Rosales, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Gallegos-Rosales voluntarily surrendered his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Gallegos-Rosales was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations of nontherapeutic prescribing. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **Ratinov, Gerald, M.D., Lic. No. D2823, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Gerald Ratinov, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Ratinov agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Ratinov was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations of nontherapeutic prescribing and illegal operation of a pain management clinic. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### **Williams, Arthur L., M.D., Lic. No. E2390, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Arthur L. Williams, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Williams agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Williams was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations that he failed to adhere to the established guidelines and requirements for the treatment of chronic pain.

## VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION

### **Cardwell, David Williams, M.D., Lic. No. E2499, Hunt**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and David Williams Cardwell, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension, suspending Dr. Cardwell's Texas medical license until he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted and personally appears before the Board, and provides clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Dr. Cardwell was indicted in the 167<sup>th</sup> District Court, District Clerk, Travis County, Texas for Sexual Assault of a female patient in his office. Dr. Cardwell requested a voluntary suspension of his medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

### **Taylor, Tad William, M.D., Lic. No. K3863, Richardson**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Tad William Taylor, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Suspension, suspending Dr. Taylor's Texas medical license effective March 24, 2014, until he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted and personally appears before the Board, and provides clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Dr.

Taylor is currently under investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Justice for allegations related to prescribing medications without a legitimate medical purpose. The criminal investigation is ongoing with no estimated time of completion.

## CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

### **Lukner, Ralf Bernhard, M.D., Permit No. BP10041519, Pearland**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Ralf Bernhard Lukner, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Lukner to submit to an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in anger management and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Lukner pled no contest to two charges of Class C misdemeanor assault against members of his family.

## PEER REVIEW ACTIONS

### **Kravetz, Phillip R., M.D., Lic. No. L0354, Dallas**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Phillip R. Kravetz, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Kravetz to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Kravetz was suspended by the St. Vincent Health Care System in Little Rock, Arkansas for failing to have suitable coverage in his absence from the facility.

### **McCray-Garrison, Rispba Nerine, M.D., Lic. No. N5234, Lackland Air Force Base**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Rispba Nerine McCray-Garrison, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. McCray-Garrison to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 90 days. The Board found Dr. McCray-Garrison failed to notify the Board of her discipline/resignation in lieu of probation at UTHSCA.

## OTHER STATES' ACTIONS

### **Adegbite, Samson G., M.D., Lic. No. J6843, Batavia, NY**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Samson G. Adegbite, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Dr. Samson from practicing in Texas until he requests permission in writing, personally appears before the Board to orally petition for permission to resume such practice, and provides sufficient evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice; and if he is in possession of any unused prescription forms for controlled substances, Dr. Adegbite shall surrender to the Texas Department of Public Safety for destruction of all such forms within seven days. The Board found Dr. Adegbite was disciplined by the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct following allegations that he failed to make and maintain adequate medical records and meet the standard of care with respect to at least one patient.

### **Knight, George Frederick, M.D., Lic. No. TM00059, St. Petersburg, FL**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and George Frederick Knight, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Knight and requiring Dr. Knight to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME in neurological imaging; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Knight failed to diagnose a subdural hemorrhage on a CT scan and was the subject of disciplinary action by the Colorado Medical Board as the result of his treatment of the patient.

### **Mehndiratta, Yash, M.D., Lic. No. M7425, Rockville**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Yash Mehndiratta, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Mehndiratta. The Board found Dr. Mehndiratta was disciplined by the Virginia Board of Medicine following allegations of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and failure to maintain adequate medical records.

## FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE OR DELEGATE

### **Jones-Allen, Angela, M.D., Lic. No. K8241, El Paso**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Angela Jones-Allen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Jones-Allen and requiring Dr. Jones-Allen to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in supervision of midlevels. The Board found Dr. Jones-Allen failed to adequately supervise the practice of her physician assistant.

## VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER

### **Dailey, Warren Bertrand, M.D., Lic. No. F8454, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Warren Bertrand Dailey, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Dailey to within six months complete at least 3.5 hours of CME in supervising midlevel practitioners. The Board found Dr. Dailey violated his 2012 Order by failing to complete the hours required within the time frame set out in the order.

### **Ferrell, John Carl, M.D., Lic. No. G8835, Frisco**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and John Carl Ferrell, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying Dr. Ferrell's 2012 Order. The modification requires Dr. Ferrell to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical recordkeeping; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Ferrell violated his prior order by failing to timely submit his charts for review as required and failed to incorporate some of the changes regarding documentation recommended by the chart reviewer.

### **McNeill, Scott Shaw, M.D., Lic. No. K7058, Spearman**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Scott Shaw McNeill, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying Dr. McNeill's 2004 Order. The modification requires Dr. McNeill to pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. All other terms of the 2004 Order and 2012 Order remain in effect. The Board found Dr. McNeill violated his 2004 Order by failing to submit documentation that he attended AA five times a week during the periods stated in the order.

### **Roberts, Dennis Donald, M.D., Lic. No. M6362, Woodville**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Dennis Donald Roberts, M.D., entered into a Modified Agreed Order, modifying Dr. Roberts' 2008 Order. The modification suspended the license of Dr. Roberts, stayed the suspension, and placed Dr. Roberts on probation for 13 years under the following terms and conditions: Dr. Roberts shall personally appear before the Board at least one time a year and at the Board's request to show compliance. All other terms of the 2008 Order, as modified by the 2010 Order, remain in effect. The Board found Dr. Roberts violated his 2008 Order, as previously modified, by testing positive for prohibited substances.

### **Skie, Gregory, M.D., Lic. No. G5617, Arlington**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Gregory Skie, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Skie to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least

four hours of CME in medical ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Skie charged for and dispensed drugs to several patients, including testosterone-based creams, from his office in quantities greater than necessary to meet the patients' immediate needs.

## **TEXAS PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) VIOLATION**

### **An, Young C., M.D., Lic. No. N1978, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Young C. An, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. An to submit to an evaluation by the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) and comply with any and all recommendations made by TXPHP. The Board found Dr. An tested positive for a prohibited substance and was terminated from TXPHP for failing to abstain from mood-altering substances. In determining Dr. An's sanctions, the Board considered the facts that Dr. An had successfully completed inpatient treatment and intensive outpatient treatment, continues rehabilitation in a 12-Step aftercare program, received clearance from his addictionology physician to return to active practice, completed 90 meetings in 90 days with AA and continues to be active in AA.

### **Ramsey, Edward Earl, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. J6679, Houston**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Edward Earl Ramsey, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Ramsey; suspending the license of Dr. Ramsey, staying the suspension, and placing Dr. Ramsey on probation for 15 years under the following terms and conditions: shall continue to see his addiction counselor at least once per week; shall continue to see Dr. Degner at least once per month; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances; participate in the Board's drug testing program; and participate in Alcoholics Anonymous and Sex Addicts Anonymous. The Board found Dr. Ramsey failed to comply with the terms of his agreement with the Texas Physician Health Program by failing to abstain from using prohibited drugs.

## **INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS**

### **Burgest, Sean Gregory, M.D., Lic. No. L9637, Harker Heights**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Sean Gregory Burgest, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Burgest to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Burgest failed to maintain adequate medical records while treating a patient.

### **Lizarribar, Jose Luis, M.D., Lic. No. K0899, Kingsville**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Jose Luis Lizarribar, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Lizarribar to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in management of pneumonia and eight hours of medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Lizarribar did not document his conversations with a patient and medical rationale adequately.

### **Siddiqi, Adila N., D.O., Lic. No. K7396, Grand Prairie**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Adila N. Siddiqi, D.O., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Siddiqi to have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; and within 180 days complete the medical records course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education program. The Board found Dr. Siddiqi with respect to five patients failed to adequately document the rationale that connected the diagnoses to the treatment decision/plan. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## **FAILURE TO USE TEXAS ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

### **Munoz, Wilfredo Alfonso, M.D., Lic. No. M4890, McAllen**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Wilfredo Alfonso Munoz, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Munoz to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical ethics. The Board found Dr. Munoz failed to timely provide copies of medical records for one of his patients and failed to timely file a death certificate through the Texas Electronic Death Registration system.

## **NON-CERTIFIED RADIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN**

### **Sizer, Ashley L., Permit No. NC05336, Fort Worth**

On February 7, 2014, the Board and Ashley L. Sizer entered into an Agreed Order requiring Ms. Sizer to within 30 days submit to an evaluation by the Texas Physicians Health Program and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Ms. Sizer admitted previous substance abuse issues involving alcohol that required hospitalization.

## **CEASE AND DESIST**

### **DiRuzzo, Joseph A., No License, Plano**

On December 20, 2013, the Board entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding Joseph A. DiRuzzo, requiring Mr. DiRuzzo to immediately cease and desist any unlicensed practice of medicine in the state of Texas and refrain from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. DiRuzzo has engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine by operating a website and Amazon.com listing which uses the title "Doctor" as a trade or professional asset without designating the healing art Mr. DiRuzzo is licensed to practice or designating the authority under which the title is used. Mr. DiRuzzo also failed to provide disclosures required by the Healing Arts Identification Act when he identified himself as "Dr. Joseph DiRuzzo" on his website.

### **Haufrect, Dale Blair, M.D., No License, Houston**

On December 13, 2013, the Board entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding Dale Blair Haufrect, M.D., requiring Mr. Haufrect to immediately cease practicing medicine, including, but not limited to, telemedicine, intraoperative monitoring, and the reading and interpreting of electroencephalograms and nerve conduction velocities. Mr. Haufrect may not refer to himself with the title of "Dr." or "doctor" without clearly indicating that he is not licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Haufrect was engaging in the practice of medicine by performing intraoperative monitoring and appears to have been reading and interpreting electroencephalograms and nerve conduction velocities. Furthermore, the Board found Mr. Haufrect held himself out as a physician on at least one website, using the designation of "Dr." without required disclosure indicating that he is not licensed to practice medicine in Texas.

### **Paletta, Antonio, No License, Round Rock**

On December 19, 2013, the Board entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding Mr. Paletta, prohibiting him from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the State of Texas. The Board found Mr. Paletta identified himself as "Dr. Antonio Paletta, M.D." in email communications and as "A. Paletta, M.D." and "Antonio Paletta, M.D." on business cards, but failed to disclose that he is not licensed to practice medicine in Texas and further failed to designate the authority

under which the titles were used or the college or honorary degree that gives rise to the use of the titles. The Board further found Mr. Paletta engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine by recommending to one person that he take a product known as Allicidin for upper respiratory symptoms, which Mr. Paletta compared to penicillin. Mr. Paletta further made no effort to clarify with the person that he is not licensed to practice medicine. Mr. Paletta testified that he is no longer employed at the business that manufactures Allicidin, and that he has since corrected his business cards to reflect that he is not licensed to practice medicine in Texas.

## Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

### REVOCATION

#### **Goodwill, Derrick, P.A., Lic. No. PA04820, Conroe**

On November 22, 2013, the Texas Physician Assistant Board approved a Final Order revoking Mr. Goodwill's Texas physician assistant license. The decision was based on the findings of an administrative law judge that Mr. Goodwill was illegally operating a pain management clinic.

#### **Perez, Jose A., P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA00131, Pearland**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered a Default Order against Jose A. Perez, P.A.-C., which revoked his Texas physician assistant license. On October 26, 2011, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in Docket No. 503-12-1940. The complaint alleged Mr. Perez acted in an unprofessional manner towards a patient during the patient's examination. On April 24, 2014, a hearing was held before SOAH. Mr. Perez failed to appear at the hearing, and the case was dismissed and returned to the Board for resolution through its default proceedings. Service of notice of the proceeding was properly made by first class mail and certified mail/return receipt requested. Mr. Perez failed to appear at the March 7, 2014 proceeding before the Board. As a result of the SOAH ALJ's order based on Mr. Perez's failure to appear for a hearing on the merits at SOAH on April 24, 2014, the Board granted a Determination of Default, and Mr. Perez's Texas physician assistant license was revoked by Default Order.

### INAPPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING

#### **Griffith, Douglas, P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA04944, Dalhart**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Douglas Griffith, P.A.-C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Mr. Griffith to refrain from treating or otherwise serving as a physician assistant for himself, immediate family, or friends and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to himself, immediate family or friends; may treat patients for acute pain only; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours of medical recordkeeping and eight hours in ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Mr. Griffith wrote unauthorized prescriptions for a close family member and failed to keep medical records on the close family member.

#### **Hettler, Eric Isaac, P.A., Lic. No. PA05495, San Antonio**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Eric Isaac Hettler, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr.

Hettler and requiring Mr. Hettler to refrain from re-registering or otherwise obtaining Controlled Substances Registrations for a minimum of two years and not until he has received written authorization from the Board; within one year complete at least four years of CME in risk management; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Mr. Hettler lacked adequate supervision and routinely provided refills for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Schedule II stimulant medications using blank triplicate prescriptions pre-signed by his supervising physician and that Mr. Hettler surrendered his DEA/DPS controlled substances registrations to officials upon request.

#### **Montoya, Christopher, P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA06048, San Antonio**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Christopher Montoya, P.A.-C., entered into an Agreed Order restricting Mr. Montoya's license under the following terms and conditions: shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for immediate family, and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to immediate family, with exception of drugs prescribed by another physician for legitimate medical purposes and in compliance with the orders and directions of such physician; within 30 days submit a copy of all current protocols and collaborative agreements between Mr. Montoya and his supervising physician(s); have his practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: 16 hours in treatment of diabetes, eight hours in treating endocrine diseases, four hours in medical recordkeeping, and four hours in risk management. The Board found Mr. Montoya non-therapeutically prescribed dangerous drugs and controlled substances for 14 patients, including his wife and practiced without adequate physician supervision.

#### **Rodriguez, David A., P.A., Lic. No. PA02450, Converse**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and David A. Rodriguez, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Rodriguez and requiring Mr. Rodriguez to refrain from re-registering or otherwise obtaining Controlled Substances Registrations for a minimum of two years and not until he has received written authorization from the Board; within one year complete at least four years of CME in risk management; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Mr. Rodriguez lacked adequate supervision and routinely provided refills for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Schedule II stimulant medications using blank triplicate prescriptions pre-signed by his supervising physician

#### **Woodford, Michele Lisette, P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA02735, Jourdanton**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Michele Lisette Woodford, P.A.-C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Ms. Woodford to have her practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in treating chronic pain, and eight hours in prescribing opioids; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Ms. Woodford provided non-therapeutically prescribed hydrocodone to three patients and failed to maintain adequate medical records.

## **UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

### **Mallison, D. Lea, P.A., Lic. No. PA01949, Dallas**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board approved a Final Order regarding D. Lea Mallison, P.A., requiring Ms. Mallison to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in medical ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 60 days. The Board found Ms. Mallison engaged in unprofessional and dishonorable conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public when she identified herself as Lea Mallison, MD, PA, DA, Director/CEO at Clinical Skin Solutions on an internet profile. Ms. Mallison has never applied for nor received a license to practice medicine from the Texas Medical Board or any other medical board. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## **VIOLATION OF PRIOR BOARD ORDER**

### **Gordon, Mark A., P.A., Lic. No. PA01291, Houston**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Mark A. Gordon, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Mr. Gordon to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 10 months. The Board found Mr. Gordon did not provide the quarterly reports from his treating physician as required, did not follow protocol for CME approval prior to completing the courses and failed to report a change in his office address.

### **Nwadeyi, Emmanuel, P.A., Lic. No. PA04693, Channelview**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Emmanuel Nwadeyi, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying Mr. Nwadeyi's August 2012 Order. The modification increases the administrative penalty by \$500. The Board found Mr. Nwadeyi violated his 2012 Order by not paying the fine within 60 days. All other terms of the Order remain in full force and effect.

## **CEASE AND DESIST**

### **Rivera, Rudy, No License, San Benito**

On March 7, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered an Agreed Cease and Desist Order regarding Rudy Rivera, prohibiting him from practicing medicine and practicing medicine as a physician assistant in the State of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board or the Texas Physician Assistant Board. The Board found Mr. Rivera practiced medicine as an unlicensed PA. On or about March 13, 2013, Mr. Rivera represented that he was a PA, examined a patient, diagnosed a patient with an ear infection, and prescribed medication to the patient.

# **Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners Disciplinary Actions**

## **IMPAIRMENT**

### **Nakamura, Taro, L.Ac., Lic. No. AC00261, Houston**

On February 21, 2014, the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners and Taro Nakamura, L.Ac., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Mr. Nakamura to within 60 days undergo an independent medical evaluation to assess Mr. Nakamura's physical and neurological com-

petence to practice acupuncture and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Mr. Nakamura underwent a neurophysiological evaluation which was determined to be inconclusive. The Board further found that Mr. Nakamura suffers from diabetes which, at times, is not properly controlled and occasionally results in instances of neuropathy that detrimentally affect Mr. Nakamura's ability to practice acupuncture safely and effectively; however, recent medical examinations have shown his diabetes is under control.

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## Physician Licenses

**The Texas Medical Board issued 933 physician licenses between December 12, 2013 and March 17, 2014. Congratulations to the following:**

Cyrus Erik Abbaschian, M.D.	Jenna Aldinger, M.D.	Sara Asadi, M.D.
Syed Abdul Basit, M.D.	Lauren Ashley Alexander, M.D.	Timothy Dale Ashley, Jr., M.D.
Oladapo Akinkunmi Abodunde, M.D.	Syed Umer Ali, M.D.	Michelle Theresa Ashworth, M.D.
Zaki Abou Zahr, M.D.	Saba Lubna Ali, M.D.	Jonaid Aslam, M.D.
Alex Abou-Chebl, M.D.	Zahra Tina Ali Mohammad, M.D.	Monica Azimi Ata, D.O.
Marconi Abreu, M.D.	Mir M Alikhan, M.D.	Shumaila Athar, M.D.
Isabel Cristina Acevedo Villalobos, M.D.	Shereen Khan Alikhan, M.D.	Jeffrey Aufman, M.D.
Kristy Rocio Acosta, M.D.	Charla Beth Allen, M.D.	Annemieke Austin, M.D.
Senait Mengisteab Adebo, M.D.	Pablo Mauricio Almuna, M.D.	Erik D. Axene, M.D.
Rebecca Adelagun, M.D.	Carlo Joseph Alphonso, M.D.	Ronald Lee Aycock, Jr., M.D.
Modupe Moronke Adeyefa, M.D.	Batool Alsheikh, M.D.	Nader Ali Ayub, D.O.
Aasim M. Afzal, M.D.	Dergham Zahir Alzubaidy, M.D.	Fernando C. Azarcon, M.D.
Himanshu Aggarwal, M.D.	Venkat Amara, M.D.	Shameem Azizad, M.D.
Hitesh Agrawal, M.D.	Nimesh Hasmukh Amin, D.O.	Lauren Ilene Baber, M.D.
Murtuza Mohammed Ahmed, M.D.	Vishal Dilip Amin, M.D.	Angela Nicole Bachim, M.D.
Nabid Ahmed, M.D.	Jyothsna Rajendrababu Amirneni, M.D.	Alex Ghassan Bachoura, M.D.
Najmeh Akhavan, M.D.	Dheeraj Anand, M.D.	Srinivasa Rao Badugu, M.D.
Kemisola Omooseye Akintol, M.D.	Ashley Hartt Anderson, D.O.	Kala Jordan Bailey, M.D.
Ali Al Ameri, M.D.	Lauren Constance Anderson De Moreno, M.D.	Parameshwari Baladandapani, M.D.
George Al Shamy, M.D.	Michael Bacani Ang-Rabanes, M.D.	Jordan Lee Bales, M.D.
Mazin Al Tamimi, M.D.	Shahid Aziz Ansari, M.D.	Fredrik Balldin, M.D.
Ahmad Al-Hader, M.D.	Asif Ali Khan Ansari, M.D.	Ursula Balthazar, M.D.
Kumar Alagappan, M.D.	Ingrid Woelfl Antall, M.D.	Javier Eduardo Banchs, M.D.
Uzma Alam, M.D.	Muhammad Umair Anwar, M.D.	Lauren Kay Hastings Banks, M.D.
Aaron Joseph Alaniz, M.D.	Etsuko Aoki, M.D.	Manisha Bansal, M.D.
Zeinab Alawadi, M.D.	Karla Maria Araujo Aleman, M.D.	Mark Allen Barber, D.O.
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## Physician Assistant Licenses

**The Texas Physician Assistant Board issued 248 PA licenses between December 12, 2013 and March 17, 2014. Congratulations to the following:**

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Boone Allen, P.A.	Heidi Ann Camus, P.A.	Lilia Muniz Escobar, P.A.
Jon-Michael Allen, P.A.	Nicholas M. Cannataro, P.A.	Yirsa Abreu Esparza, P.A.
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Joseph Barber, P.A.	Elizabeth Rene Charpiot, P.A.	Kassia Rose Fortuna, P.A.
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Heather Marie Bueche, P.A.	Edward Dodge, P.A.	Kathryn Beth Grantham, P.A.
	David Christopher Dominguez, P.A.	Whitney Greer-Doby, P.A.
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## Acupuncturist Licenses

**The Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners issued 55 Acupuncture licenses between September 1, 2013 and December 11, 2013.**

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Shang-Jin Shi, L.Ac.

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