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Medical Board Suspends License of Maurice Conte, M.D., of Orange

A panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the license of Maurice Conte, M.D., license number E7036 after determining that his continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The suspension hearing took place Tuesday under the Board's authority to temporarily suspend or restrict a physician's license when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

The action was based on the following findings: Dr. Conte's pattern of practice constitutes non-therapeutic prescribing of narcotics, benzodiazepines and muscle relaxant medications; his records lack adequate documentation, histories and physicals, rationale for treatment, specific tailored treatment plans, consideration of other treatment modalities, periodic evaluation for effectiveness of the treatment, objective testing or appropriate referrals. Virtually every patient was prescribed the same pain cocktail consisting of Lortab, Lorcet or Vicodin, Soma, and Xanax. The panel also found that Dr. Conte did not adequately supervise the nurse practitioners or medical assistants who treated patients in his office.

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

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The Texas Medical Board, 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 Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Information on filing a complaint is on the agency web site at www.tmb.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 201-9353.