

2003 Press Releases

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Medical Board Panel Suspends License of Floyd O. Hardimon, D.O.

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners took action to temporarily suspend the license of Floyd O. Hardimon, D.O., License #D6447, of Houston, without notice after a determination that Dr. Hardimon's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place today (Friday) under the Board's authority to suspend physicians' licenses without notice when it determines there is a threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

The panel, composed of one physician and two public members, based its decision on allegations that Dr. Hardimon employed Dr. Eric Scheffey and/or associated with Dr. Scheffey in the practice of medicine when Dr. Scheffey was under an Order of Temporary Suspension entered by the Board on August 29. The panel found that employing or associating with a physician who has been found to be a continuing threat to the public welfare constitutes a real danger to the health of patients or to the public.

The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action. A hearing on the Application for Temporary Suspension is scheduled before a disciplinary panel of the board on December 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the board offices.

TMB is the state agency charged with the licensure and regulation of physicians in Texas. Legislation passed by the 78th Legislature provided the agency with greater authority, including stronger temporary suspension and restrictions powers. TMB is using the new authority and disciplinary tools to fulfill its mission of protecting the public.

The Legislature also provided additional funding and resources to the agency, allowing the hiring of nurse/investigators and attorneys to further increase the agency's rate of disciplinary actions and its ability to remove from practice physicians who do not meet the standard of care. With these additional resources, the agency, under the leadership of board president Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and executive director, Donald Patrick, M.D., J.D., will be even more effective in protecting the public in the coming years.

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.

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