

1999 Press Releases

April 28, 1999

19 Doctors Disciplined

During its April 8-10 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 19 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: one revocation; eight suspensions, of which three were stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; five restrictions; four public reprimands; and five administrative penalties totaling \$52,350 were assessed.

Board Adopts New Rules

The Board adopted the following rule changes that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 162, Supervision of Medical School Students, rule review and amendment to section 162.3 relating to registration requirements;

Chapter 163, Licensure, amendment to section 163.10 regarding distinguished professors temporary license;

Chapter 166, Physician Registration, rule review and amendments to sections 166.2 and 166.4 regarding continuing medical education requirements and expired permits;

Chapter 171, Institutional Permits, repeal of sections 171.1-171.9 and new sections 171.1-171.6 regarding requirements for institutional permits;

Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, amendments to sections 185.2 and 185.14 relating to definitions and changes in the notice of intent to supervise and notice of intent to practice forms;

Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders, amendment to section 193.2 relating to definitions. For copies of these rules, write to the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin TX 78768-2018, or e-mail pat.wood@tmb.state.tx.us.

Proposed Rules

The Board proposed the repeal of Chapters 173, Applications and 175, Fees and Penalties and proposed new Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications, to incorporate new fees for postgraduate resident permits and evaluation of postgraduate training programs. The Board proposed amendments to Chapter 183, Acupuncture, sections 183.7 and 183.13 regarding the time frame for the requirement of physician referral; the maximum number of treatments performed before referral to a physician and referrals from chiropractors. The Board also proposed rule reviews of the following chapters, with no proposed amendments at this time: Chapter 180, Rehabilitation Orders; Chapter 188, Complaint Procedure Notification; and Chapter 191, District Review Committees.

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Disciplinary actions

Barrada, M. Ismail, MD., Houston, TX, Lic. #G6898

An Order was entered on 4-8-99 suspending the physician's license. Action due to violation of probation.

Cerday, Eddie L., MD., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #F9289

An Agreed Order was entered 4-10-99 placing Dr. Cerday under certain terms and conditions for five years. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public and violation of Board Rules.

Chepko, James D., Houston, TX, Lic. #F0931

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public by his violation of probation.

Cox, Bruce E., Big Spring, TX, Lic. #E4272

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 restricting the physician's license for three years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.

Elliott, Paul T., MD., Richardson, TX, Lic. #D5979

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 publicly reprimanding the physician. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.

Gunderson, Erik Waters, MD., Plano, TX, Lic. #J3111

An Agreed Order was entered 4-10-99 assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$250. Action due to violation of Board Rules and false, misleading or deceptive advertising.

Johnson, Tone, Jr., MD., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #G6946

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 publicly reprimanding the physician. Action due to unprofessional conduct, violation of laws connected with practice of medicine, failure to supervise delegates, abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.

Key, Luther S., MD., Albany, TX, Lic. #B9658

An Order was entered on 3-24-99 suspending Dr. Key's license. Action due to violation of probation.

Knight, Kyler S., MD., Pasadena, TX, Lic. #J6005

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 restricting the physician's license under certain terms and conditions for three years. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

Melch, Herbert R., MD., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #C5450

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 restricting the physician's license for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to failure to keep drug records, non-therapeutic prescribing or treatment, failure to supervise delegates, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.

McLean, James R. Jr., D.O., Dallas, TX, Lic. #D6496

An Order was entered 4-8-99 suspending the physician's license. Action due to violation of probation.

Moran, Paul A., MD., Coleman, TX, Lic. #D6301

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Dr. Moran was also publicly reprimanded. Action due to unprofessional conduct, non-therapeutic prescribing or treatment, administering dangerous drugs in an improper manner, and failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner.

Northam, Ben L., D.O., Dallas, TX, Lic. #D6510

An Order was entered 4-8-99 suspending the physician's license. Action due to violation of probation.

Peterson, Jon L., MD., Houston, TX, Lic. #E8816

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty of \$100. Action due to violation of Board Rules.

Stenger, Earl M., MD., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #D7315

An Order was entered on 2-9-99 suspending Dr. Stenger's license. Action due to violation of probation. Effective 4-10-99 an Agreed Order was entered staying the suspension and placing his license under restrictions for 10 years under certain terms and conditions.

Teague, Robert C., MD., Phoenix, AZ, Lic. #C5261

An Order was entered 4-8-99 revoking the physician's license and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$50,000. Action due to unprofessional conduct, violation of Board Rules, and disciplinary action by another state.

Thomas, Stephen C., MD., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #J5036

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 11-10-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Stephen C. Thomas's license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. An Agreed Order was entered 4-

10-99 suspending the physician's license until such time as he appears before the Board and provides sufficient evidence and information that indicate he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs and unprofessional conduct.

Thomas, James H. Jr., MD., Houston, TX, Lic. #G0199

An Agreed Order was entered on 4-10-99 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1000. Action due to failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner and disciplinary action by peers.

Townsend-Parchman, Wallace, MD., Carrollton, TX, Lic. #F7683

An Agreed Order was entered 4-10-99 suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or injure the public.

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