## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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## TMB suspends Schertz physician

On June 1, 2016, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Vikram Durairaj, M.D. (Lic. No. Q4391\*), after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that on February 19, 2016, the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) terminated Dr. Durairaj after he had a positive Phosphatidylethanol test, missed drug screen, and refused to cease practice until he underwent an Intensive Diagnostic Evaluation. Dr. Durairaj refused to sign an Interim Monitoring Agreement with the Board and on May 4, 2016, he notified the Board that he would no longer participate in drug screenings.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Durairaj, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Durairaj.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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\* Note: this license holder is not to be confused with another Texas physician with the same first and last name (Vikram David Durairaj, M.D., Lic. No. P8128) who is an ophthalmologist practicing in Austin, Texas.