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TMB disciplines 49 physicians at March meeting

At its March 5, 2021 meeting, the Texas Medical Board disciplined 49 licensed physicians.

The disciplinary actions included: seven orders related to quality of care violations, five orders related to unprofessional conduct, six voluntary surrender/revocation, one suspension, one order related to criminal activity, five orders related to nontherapeutic prescribing, three orders related to peer review action, one order related to improper supervision or delegation, one order related to violation of Board rules, two orders related to violation of prior order, thirteen orders related to other states' actions, two orders related to impairment and two orders related to inadequate medical records. The Board also ratified five cease and desist orders and a termination of suspension order.

The Board issued 110 physician licenses at the March meeting, bringing the total number of physician licenses issued in FY21 to 2,106.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

QUALITY OF CARE

Chambers, William Melvin, D.O., Lic. No. H6106, Azle

On March 5, 2021, the Board and William Melvin Chambers, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from delegating the decision-making or use of his DEA credentials to prescribe, or refill, controlled substances prescriptions to any delegate or midlevel provider; have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, four hours in prescribing opioids and eight hours in proper supervision of midlevels; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500. The Board found Dr. Chambers and/or his delegate inappropriately prescribed controlled substances to four employees and four patients in violation of the standard of care, and failed to properly supervise his delegate.

Charleston, Craig Anthony, M.D., Lic. No. L9653, Beaumont

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Craig Anthony Charleston, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in pain management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Charleston's prescribing was not supported by the documentation provided, and he did not maintain images or documentation as to the dosage of dye used related to a procedure.

Johnson, Edward Wallace, III, M.D., Lic. No. R0033, Palestine

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Edward Wallace Johnson, III, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in hematology, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Johnson failed to get a complete picture of a patient's health and medications, and failed to prescribe adequate treatment for the patient's abnormal prothrombin time (PT) on a second visit.

Katsigiannis, Christos A., M.D., Lic. No. J0036, Houston

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Christos A. Katsigiannis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in interventional peripheral vascular

procedures, four hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Katsigiannis failed to meet the standard of care for one patient when he performed an atherectomy and angioplasty on the patient.

McDougall, Cameron Michael, M.D., Lic. No. Q5034, Flushing, MI

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Cameron Michael McDougall, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within a year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management and four hours in communications and conflict resolution. The Board found Dr. McDougall misidentified his location on a patient's spine during surgery and did not adequately document his thought process when identifying the patient's vertebrae.

Parra, Guillermo, M.D., Lic. No. G8332, El Paso

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Guillermo Parra, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in supervision and delegation. The Board found Dr. Parra's documentation and workup for a patient was below the standard of care and he failed to timely provide records to a patient.

Travis, Allison Bonds, M.D., Lic. No. Q3339, McKinney

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Allison Bonds Travis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME in laparoscopic cholecystectomy and intraoperative cholangiogram; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Travis should have utilized additional techniques to confirm accurate anatomy, including assistance from another surgeon or use of an intraoperative cholangiogram.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Barrientos, Ryan R., M.D., Lic. No. P1519, Houston

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Ryan R. Barrientos, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Barrientos sent an unprofessional text message to a colleague while having issues with excessive alcohol at the time. Dr. Barrientos has self-enrolled in the Texas Physician Health Program and is in full compliance with the program.

Gurmendi, Alfredo Fausto, M.D., Lic. No. L2294, Alamogordo, NM

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Alfredo Fausto Gurmendi, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the TMB Remedial Coaching Program at the University of Texas at Dallas School of Management (Physician Coaching). The Board found Dr. Gurmendi spoke in a rude and inappropriate manner to members of the OR staff, his female coworkers and had his hospital privileges suspended for seven days.

Hawkins, Germaine Bernard, D.O., Lic. No. L3329, Arlington

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Germaine Bernard Hawkins, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Hawkins and requiring him to within 30 days obtain Board approval for a qualified individual, not otherwise employed by Dr. Hawkins, to serve as a monitor to oversee any preceptorships that he undertakes at his practice for a period of three years; 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 in ethics, four hours in risk management and four hours in professionalism; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Hawkins provided preceptorship for nursing students using the name, credentials and license of a nurse practitioner without her consent or knowledge.

Patel, Bharatkumar Shivabhai, M.D., Lic. No. H5347, Webster

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Bharatkumar Shivabhai Patel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in billing and coding, eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management; within 30 days pay back all money received from the patient and her insurance company for all services billed with the exception of the March 14, 2020, date of service; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete the medical

recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. Patel engaged in unprofessional conduct for improperly billing a patient for services not rendered and/or coded incorrectly.

Sherman, John Miller, III, M.D., Lic. No. D1046, El Paso

On March 5, 2021, the Board and John Miller Sherman, III, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, eight hours in risk management, eight hours in patient communication and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Sherman performed an unwanted pelvic and rectal exam as the patient stated they were conducted without her consent. Dr. Sherman's medical records are illegible and do not meet the standard for keeping medical records.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCAION

Arshad, Muhammad Kaleem, M.D., Lic. No. R1166, Harvey, LA

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Muhammad Kaleem Arshad, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Arshad agreed to voluntarily surrender his license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Arshad was convicted of a felony offense related to health care fraud and received three years of supervised probation.

Emert, Frank Leroy, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. E5515, Vincennes, IN

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Frank Leroy Emert, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Emert agreed to voluntarily surrender his license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Emert is not currently engaged in the practice of medicine and intends to permanently retire due to a physical disability.

Green, Roland Hale, M.D., Lic. No. R8749, Las Vegas, NV

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Roland Hale Green, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Green agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Green pled guilty to conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud and was sentenced to probation and ordered to pay restitution.

Kakria, Anshuk, M.D., Lic. No. BP10068339, Bergenfield, NJ

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Anshuk Kakria, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Kakria agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas permit in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Kakria was terminated from his residency program after failing a drug screen.

Martinez, Cervando, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. D9228, San Antonio

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Cervando Martinez, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Martinez agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Martinez was under investigation for standard of care violations involving four patients, and he has decided to cease practicing and retired from medicine.

Taylor, Michael Bryon, M.D., Lic. No. F2055, Tyler

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Michael Bryon Taylor, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Taylor agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Taylor was under investigation for failure to meet the standard of care and resigning while under peer review for the incident.

SUSPENSION

Ali, Sadiq, M.D., Lic. No. Q7128, Beaumont

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Ali Sadiq, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending his license until such a time as he requests in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; within 30 days undergo an intensive diagnostic evaluation by a pre-approved board certified psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within 30 days obtain a pre-approved treating psychologist and follow all treatment recommendations; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Sadiq was temporarily suspended due to his arrest for soliciting a prostitute younger than 18 years of age. The order supersedes all prior orders of the Board.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Flores, Miguel Juan, M.D., Lic. No. E7398, Cleveland

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Miguel Juan Flores, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order restricting his license under the following terms: prohibited from prescribing Schedule II controlled substances; shall not treat patients for chronic pain as defined by Board rule; shall not prescribe Schedule III, IV, and/or V controlled substances other than in a hospital setting; may treat acute pain only in a hospital setting on a one-time basis for no more than 72 hours with no refills for any patient; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found that on or around November 4, 2019, Dr. Flores was arrested by the Montgomery County DA's Office on felony charges relating to nontherapeutic prescribing of controlled substances to one patient.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Jain, Nisha, M.D., Lic. No. M1789, Dallas

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Nisha Jain, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within seven days surrender her DEA controlled substances registration certificates and not reregister without prior Board approval; shall not possess, administer, or prescribe controlled substances in Texas other than prescriptions written to her by a licensed provider for personal use; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Jain violated the standard of care, prescribed controlled substances nontherapeutically, failed to meet Board rule requirements of prescribing for 18 of 20 patients reviewed, and failed to adequately create and maintain medical records.

Locke, Edwin Brady, M.D., Lic. No. K5608, Midland

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Edwin Brady Locke, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from treating patients for chronic pain as defined by Board rule and shall refer all chronic pain patients to appropriate specialists within 30 days; within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervision and delegation, four hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management and eight hours in prescription of opioids; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Locke and his delegate prescribed controlled substances including opioids, alprazolam, and Adderall to one patient with a history of illicit drug use, did not properly monitor the patient's use of the medications, and failed to maintain adequate medical records.

Longoria, Leonardo Arturo, M.D., Lic. No. R1407, El Paso

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Leonardo Arturo Longoria, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Longoria and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Longoria had his clinical privileges revoked following allegations he stole hospital property.

Phillips, Bruce Allen, M.D., Lic. No. H2685, Dallas

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Bruce Allen Phillips, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within six months complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least four hours of CME in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Phillips nontherapeutically prescribed medications, including controlled substances, to a patient; failed to maintain adequate medical records and failed to timely respond to a request for the patient's medical records.

Thacker, Brett McKinney, M.D., Lic. No. G0195, Waxahachie

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Brett McKinney Thacker, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Thacker and requiring him to within 30 days schedule an assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program; and have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Thacker nontherapeutically prescribed medications, including controlled substances, to nine patients, and failed to meet the standard of care by failing to perform a proper history or evaluation of a patient regarding their Hepatitis C diagnosis.

PEER REVIEW ACTION

Cobbs, Kenneth Franklin, M.D., Lic. No. M1595, Muskogee, OK

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Kenneth Franklin Cobbs, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in postoperative care and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Cobbs had his privileges revoked to perform total knee arthroplasty procedures.

Griffin, Robert Amos, M.D., Lic. No. E6386, Austin

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Robert Amos Griffin, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in drug seeking behavior, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in pain management. The Board found Dr. Griffin prescribed controlled substances in high doses for two pain patients without adhering to the requirements of Board Rule 170.3. Dr. Griffin terminated his employment with Unity Health Care while under a quality investigation.

Patel, Luv Bipin, M.D., Lic. No. BP10069288, San Antonio

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Luv Bipin Patel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Patel was terminated from his residency program after his non-compliance with a performance improvement plan and after testing positive for alcohol at work. Dr. Patel is currently enrolled with the Texas Physician Health Program under a multi-year monitoring agreement.

IMPROPER SUPERVISION OR DELEGATION

Biggers, Jerel Raymond, D.O., Lic. No. G2646, Dallas

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Jerel Raymond Biggers, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within 30 days submit to the Board for review and approval all valid supervision and delegation agreements and standing orders; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervision of midlevels, four hours in risk management, four hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in appropriate management of hormone therapy. The Board found Dr. Biggers failed to adequately supervise his midlevel provider, which led to inappropriate treatments, a lack of patient follow-up and lack of medical documentation for the care provided by Dr. Biggers' delegate. Additionally, Dr. Biggers' delegate issued false and misleading advertising for stem cell therapies and IV treatments for coronavirus prevention.

VIOLATION OF BOARD RULES

Franklin, Wayne Jay, M.D., Lic. No. L4378, Phoenix, AZ

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Wayne Jay Franklin, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to within one year complete 48 hours of CME required for his license renewal period of December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2018, with at least two hours in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility; within one year complete at least four additional hours in ethics; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. Franklin failed to obtain and/or document the required 48 hours of CME required for his two-year license renewal period. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER

Bangale, Anil, M.D., Lic. No. E7370, Fort Worth

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Anil Bangale, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in Texas until such a time as he requests in writing and appears before the Board to provide evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Bangale failed to implement his chart monitor's recommendations relating to medical recordkeeping.

Mech, Arnold Walter, M.D., Lic. No. G9499, Frisco

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Arnold Walter Mech, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Mech and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Mech did not comply with his 2019 Order requiring him to timely provide medical records to patients.

OTHER STATES' ACTIONS

Alexander, Joe Bob, M.D., Lic. No. E0780, Abilene

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Joe Bob Alexander, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to complete and comply with all terms of the March 5, 2020 Order issued by the Oklahoma State Board of medical Licensure; further Dr. Alexander is prohibited from prescribing Schedules II, III (except for phendimetrazine), and V controlled substances. Dr. Alexander is permitted to prescribe Schedule IV controlled substances. The Board found Dr. Alexander was disciplined by the Oklahoma Board under several terms, including limiting his prescribing of certain drugs.

Anh, Ho Dzung, M.D., Lic. No. R4936, Walnut, CA

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Ho Dzung Anh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to comply with all terms of the disciplinary order issued by the Medical Board of California (MBC) on March 23, 2020. The Board found Dr. Anh was disciplined by the MBC which arose from his prescribing antibiotics through telemedicine for two patients without obtaining a reliable history, performing a physical exam or otherwise verifying that there was a medical indication for the prescriptions.

Anwar, Farrukh, M.D., Lic. No. Q5753, Caro, MI

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Farrukh Anwar, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Anwar and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Anwar was disciplined by the Michigan Board of Medicine for negligence or failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to, or supervision of, employees or other individuals.

Blasko, Barbara, M.D., Lic. No. R9040, Riverside, CA

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Barbara Blasko, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to comply with the terms of the order issued by the West Virginia Medical Board on March 4, 2020. The Board found Dr. Blasko was disciplined by the West Virginia Medical Board which imposed a reprimand and civil fine of \$2,000.

Creighton, Christopher P., M.D., Lic. No. P0821, Rockwall

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Christopher P. Creighton, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Creighton and requiring him to comply with all terms of the California Board order entered into on October 30, 2020. The Board found Dr. Creighton was disciplined by the Medical Board of California for unprofessional conduct pertaining to medical treatment of a patient.

DiSanto, Vinson, D.O., Lic. No. P1540, Knoxville, TN

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Vinson DiSanto, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from possessing, administering, or prescribing controlled substances in Texas other than prescriptions written to him by a licensed provider for personal use; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. DiSanto was disciplined by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners which revoked his Alabama license and assessed a fine for his failure to practice medicine or osteopathy with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

Friemel, Susannah Parker, M.D., Lic. No. L6385, Davenport, IA

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Susannah Parker Friemel, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring her to comply with all terms of the Iowa Board order entered on August 28, 2020. The Board found Dr. Friemel was disciplined by the Iowa Board of Medicine for improper prescribing.

Hansen, Thomas, M.D., Lic. No. N7621, North Richland Hills

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Thomas Hansen, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Hansen and requiring him to comply with all terms of the Illinois Board order effective November 16, 2020; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Hansen was disciplined by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for failure to timely respond to an MRI and blood testing for a patient.

Hyson, Morton Isaac, M.D., Lic. No. G4477, Las Vegas, NV

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Morton Isaac Hyson, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Hyson; and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Hyson was disciplined by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners for failure to maintain proper medical records and failure to comply with an order.

Jovanovich, Alexandar, M.D., Lic. No. R9228, Chicago, IL

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Alexandar Jovanovich, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to comply with all terms of the Iowa Board order entered into on August 28, 2020. The Board found Dr. Jovanovich was disciplined by the Iowa Board of Medicine for failure to establish a valid physician-patient relationship with patients receiving telemedicine services.

McClain, Gregory Dewayne, M.D., Lic. No. N3408, Greenwood Village, CO

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Gregory Dewayne McClain, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. McClain and requiring him to within 30 days undergo an independent medical evaluation from a pre-approved board certified psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in communication; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. McClain was sentenced to one year and four months in Missouri County jail and was disciplined by the Missouri and Wisconsin Medical Boards for the same charges relating to harassment. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Nwabueze, Chinedu N., M.D., Lic. No. S8085, St. Louis, MO

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Chinedu N. Nwabueze, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to comply with all terms of the California Board Order entered into on October 14, 2020. The Board found Dr. Nwabueze was disciplined by the Medical Board of California for failure to disclose on his application unusual circumstances during his training program.

Roethle, Scott Taggart, M.D., Lic. No. M5909, Sedalia, MO

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Scott Taggart Roethle, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Roethle was disciplined by the Idaho State Board of Medicine for failing to prescribe and provide treatment within the scope of the state's Medical Practice Act and Idaho Telehealth Access Act.

IMPAIRMENT

Fernandez, Joel, M.D., Lic. No. R4387, San Antonio

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Joel Fernandez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending his license until he requests in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine, including the completion of the independent medical evaluation; and within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation from a pre-approved board certified psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Fernandez was previously temporarily suspended due to impairment issues.

Seth, Abhishek, M.D., Lic. No. P6264, Houston

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Abhishek Seth, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order terminating Dr. Seth's suspension and publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP). The Board found Dr. Seth was previously temporarily suspended for impairment concerns and has since self-reported to the TXPHP and has been in full compliance for several months. The order supersedes the order of temporary suspension entered on September 10, 2020.

INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

Anderson, Michael Alan, M.D., Lic. No. L5975, Corpus Christi

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Michael Alan Anderson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours in medical recordkeeping and documentation. The Board found Dr. Anderson's documentation of a patient's medication cross-tapering and discharge was lacking as the records lacked notes regarding his assessments of the patient and the discharge summary does not sufficiently detail the patient's hospital course or patient's death.

Boyd, Gary D., M.D., Lic. No. F9226, Tyler

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Gary D. Boyd, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Boyd and requiring him to have a medical scribe present for the entirety of any and all patient visits to observe and record information related to each patient visit in the patient's medical records; and within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in ethics and four hours in the topic of risk management. The Board found Dr. Boyd documented in one patient's medical records that he performed a physical examination of the patient during an office visit when no physical exam had been performed.

CEASE & DESISTS

Al Hawamdeh, Duaa, No License, Grand Prairie

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Duaa Al Hawamdeh entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board and from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in Texas. The Board found Ms. Al Hawamdeh offered liposuction and other medical services on Facebook.

Castleberry, Kim Alan, O.D., No License, Plano

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Kim Alan Castleberry, O.D., entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board and cease and desist from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Castleberry, who is a licensed optometrist, was diagnosing and treating medical conditions and seeking payment for these services.

Garcia, Beatriz, No License, Dallas

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Beatriz Garcia entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from engaging in the practice of medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The

Board found Ms. Garcia performed a colon hydrotherapy procedure that resulted in the patient being hospitalized for colon perforation and required extensive medical care after the procedure.

Stangenwald, Jessica, D.C., F.N.P., No License, Hurst

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Jessica Stangenwald, D.C., F.N.P., entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from engaging in the practice of medicine both in and from the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Stangenwald, who is a licensed chiropractor and family nurse practitioner in Texas, offered and advertised medical services such as stem cell injections and "Coronavirus prevention IVs," for which she had no delegated authority and with no knowledge of her supervising physician.

Tatum, Leslie, No License, New Braunfels

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Leslie Tatum, entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Ms. Tatum administered antibody testing to hundreds of patients for COVID-19. Ms. Tatum was not acting under the supervision of a physician at any time during the time she advertised, administered, and interpreted testing results, nor is she a licensed midlevel provider.

Visintine, Crystal Felici, No License, McAllen

On March 5, 2021, the Board and Crystal Felici Visintine entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting Ms. Visintine from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Ms. Visintine engaged in the corporate practice of medicine by jointly operating a med spa and conducted a consultation with a patient where she took the patient's medical history, obtained informed consent (though the patient refused to sign the form), and performed a nonsurgical cosmetic procedure.

OTHER ORDERS/ACTIONS

TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION

Astbury, Jeffrey Albert, M.D., Lic. No. J3967, Midlothian

On March 5, 2021, the Board entered an Order Granting Termination of Suspension, terminating Dr. Astbury's September 2020 Suspension Order. The Board found Dr. Astbury's license should be restored based on information obtained showing that the Dallas County District Attorney's Office rejected the charges and that the case would not be filed.

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To view disciplinary orders and Board action history, visit the TMB website, click on "Look Up A License," accept the usage terms, then type in a licensee's name. Click on the name shown in the search results to view the licensee's full profile.

Within that profile is a button that says "Current Board Action."

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