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Medical Board Suspends License of James C. Womack, M.D., of New Braunfels

The Texas Medical Board has suspended the license of James Chanslor Womack, M.D., license #G8516, of New Braunfels.

A Probationer/Show Compliance Hearing was held on June 13 during which a panel of the Board considered allegations regarding Dr. Womack's violation of an Agreed Order of August 26, 2005. The panel determined that Dr. Womack was in violation of the terms of that order and was subject to the provision that authorizes the Board's representatives to direct the Executive Director to suspend Dr. Womack's license.

Dr. Womack had been subject to previous disciplinary actions by the Board in 1989, in 1999 and in 2002. On March 31, 2000, a suspension was lifted and Dr. Womack was placed on probation for seven years. During 2004 and 2005, multiple drug screens indicated that Dr. Womack had ingested Carisoprodol (Soma) and alcohol in violation of the 2000 order. The order of August 26, 2005, extended the 2000 order for an additional five years.

Dr. Womack admitted forcing open a narcotics lock box in December, 2005, and taking several bottles of narcotic cough medication. He also admitted writing prescriptions for himself and filling them in December, 2005. His drug screens of March 10 and March 14 of this year were positive for meperidine. This conduct violated the 2005 agreed order. Therefore, the Board ordered that Dr. Womack's license be suspended until such time as he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted and that he personally appear before the Board to show that he is in compliance with the 2005 agreed order and is capable of safely resuming the practice of medicine.

The order was effective June 14 and remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

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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.