

## 2005 Press Releases

**Friday, December 2, 2005**

### **Medical Board Reaffirms License Suspension of James Stephen Jones, M.D., of Lubbock**

A panel of the Texas Medical Board on Monday reaffirmed an earlier panel's decision to suspend the license of James Stephen Jones, M.D., license number M1806, after determining that Dr. Jones's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

A temporary suspension hearing was held without notice on Friday, October 21, under the Board's authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physician's license without notice when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. On Monday (November 28), the Board held a hearing with notice to Dr. Jones, which allowed presentation of evidence and witnesses by Dr. Jones and agency staff, and the application for continuing the temporary suspension was granted.

The action was based on Dr. Jones' impairment and substance abuse. The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and remains in effect until the board takes further action.

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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](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us) or by calling (800) 201-9353.

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