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Medical Board Temporarily Restricts License of Suzanne E. Mack, M.D., of Denton

A panel of the Texas Medical Board has temporarily restricted the license of Suzanne E. Mack, M.D., license #J3540, of Denton, after determining that her continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

This action, which took place Monday, September 18, was the fourth temporary restriction taken by the board since the passage of SB 104 by the 78th Legislature in 2003. Prior to passage of the legislation, the board's only option when it determined a physician's practice presented an imminent threat to the safety of patients or the public was temporary suspension of the license.

The action against Dr. Mack was based on allegations that she prescribed large amounts of potentially addictive narcotics; failed to provide reasonable justification for the narcotics prescribed; failed to identify drug-seeking behavior; and failed to properly document and appropriately manage narcotic therapy for several patients. According to the order, Dr. Mack is restricted from prescribing narcotics or providing narcotic samples, and she may not treat chronic pain patients.

The restriction was effective immediately. The length of a temporary restriction order is indefinite but it 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 or by calling (800) 201-9353.