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Board suspends Houston doctor Theresa Cachuela Rice

On Tuesday, the Texas Medical Board automatically suspended the license of Houston doctor Theresa Cachuela Rice, M.D., requiring Dr. Rice, 79, to immediately cease practicing medicine in Texas.

The Board found Dr. Rice, Lic. No. G1174, engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct by failing to comply with her March 2010 disciplinary order. Specifically, the Board found Dr. Rice violated the 2010 Order by failing to complete the required CME and failing to take and pass the Texas Medical Jurisprudence Exam as stipulated by the 2010 Order.

In March 2010, the Board and Dr. Rice entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Rice to: pass, within one year from the date of the entry of the Order, the Texas Medical Jurisprudence Examination within three attempts; complete 24 hours of CME within one year; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500 within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Order.

The 2010 Order was based on the Board's finding that Dr. Rice: failed to meet the standard of care; aided and abetted the practice of medicine by a person not licensed by the Board; and failed to supervise adequately the activities of those acting under her supervision. In its 2010 decision, the Board considered as a mitigating circumstance that Dr. Rice was one of several doctors duped by a Nigerian businessman who had a history of fraudulent activity.

The automatic suspension is effectively immediately.