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**Medical Board Suspends License of Peter C. Okose, M.D.**

The Texas Medical Board has temporarily suspended the license of Peter C. Okose, M.D., license #J2714, of Houston, after determining that Dr. Okose's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare. A temporary suspension hearing was scheduled for Thursday, July 13. However, Dr. Okose waived his right to a hearing and signed an agreed order of temporary suspension.

The action was based on the following violations of the Medical Practice Act: Dr. Okose failed to maintain adequate medical records that are complete, contemporaneous and legible for 13 patients; he failed to treat these patients according to the generally accepted standard of care; he prescribed dangerous drugs or controlled substances without first establishing a proper professional relationship with these patients; he failed to adhere to established guidelines for prescriptions of pain medications to these patients; and he prescribed these drugs nontherapeutically.

The order was signed on Tuesday, July 11, and was effective immediately. The length of a temporary suspension 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](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us) or by calling (800) 201-9353.