

## 2003 Press Releases

**Wednesday, April 2, 2003**

### **43 Doctors Disciplined**

During its March 27-28 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against 43 licensed physicians and one licensed non-certified radiologic technician, who received one or more of the following actions: nine surrender/revocations; four suspensions; 14 restrictions; and six public reprimands. At its February 28 meeting, the Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners took disciplinary action against two licensed physician assistants. Twenty administrative penalties totaling \$49,750 were assessed against physicians and physician assistants.

### **New Licenses Issued**

During its March 27-28 Board meeting, the Board approved the licensure applications of 263 physicians.

### **Rule Changes**

The Board adopted the following proposed rule changes that were published in the Texas Register:

Chapter 163, Licensure: amendments to §§163.1 and 163.10 regarding definitions and relicensure requirements.

Chapter 167, Reinstatement and Reissuance: Rule review and amendments to §§163.1-.2 and .4-.6 regarding procedures for reinstatement and reissuance of a license. Chapter 169, Authority of Physicians to Supply Drugs: Rule review and amendments to §§169.1-.5 and 169.7 for general cleanup of the chapter.

Chapter 171, Postgraduate Training Permits: Amendments to §171.1 regarding reporting requirements relating to postgraduate training permits.

Chapter 174, Telemedicine: Amendments to §§174.1-.6, .10, and .12-.14 to clarify definitions and informed consent and for general cleanup of the chapter; and new §174.17 regarding the use of the Internet in medical practice.

Chapter 184, Surgical Assistants: Amendments to §184.25 regarding continuing education for surgical assistants. Chapter 187, Procedural Rules: Amendments to §§187.10, .12, and .13 which will formalize the procedure whereby the Executive Director has the authority to offer restricted licenses and permits. Chapter 196, Voluntary Surrender of a Medical License: Rule review and amendments to §§195.1-.5 for general cleanup of the chapter.

Chapter 198, Unlicensed Practice: Rule review with no changes.

Chapter 200, Integrative and Complementary Medicine: Rule review and amendments to §§200.1-.2 for general cleanup of the chapter (informed consent, treatment plan, adequate medical records, therapeutic validity and clinical investigations). Proposed amendments to §200.3 regarding detailed requirements were withdrawn and will be republished for comment.

## **Proposed Rule Changes**

Chapter 163, Licensure: proposed amendment to §163.3 regarding cleanup of language concerning the definition of "graduate of an unapproved foreign medical school."

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the Texas Register and comment: Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications: proposed amendments to §§175.1 and 175.4 relating to fees and applications required for reissuance of a physician assistant license.

Chapter 179, Investigation Files: proposed amendment to §§179.1-.4, repeal of §179.5 and new §179.5 for general cleanup of the chapter and to update statutory cites.

Chapter 183, Acupuncture, proposed amendment to §183.3 regarding the number of board meetings to be held during a year and proposed amendment to §183.20 regarding continuing acupuncture education requirements.

Chapter 185, Physician Assistants: Proposed amendment to §185.3 regarding the number of board meetings to be held during a year and proposed amendment to §185.16 concerning the supervision of physician assistants by emergency room directors.

Chapter 187, Procedural Rules: proposed amendments to sections 187.18 and 187.58 regarding the role of the board's legal counsel during a hearing.

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