

## 2005 Press Releases

**Friday, February 18, 2005**

### **Medical Board Temporarily Suspends Licenses of Three Physicians**

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners suspended the licenses of Aniruddha Ashok Chitale, M.D., license number K5864, of Waxahachie; David Burrell Collins, D.O., license number F6538, of Granbury; and Francisco B. Saucedo, M.D., license number H8375, of San Antonio, after determining that their continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearings took place yesterday (Thursday) 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. The suspensions are effective immediately.

Dr. Chitale's license was suspended after he was arrested on February 4 by the Ennis Police Department and charged with sexual assault. The assault with which he was charged was on a patient on whom he had performed a colonoscopy.

Dr. Collins' license was suspended because, following an investigation of his alcohol abuse, he failed to respond to an offer of an Agreed Order to voluntarily surrender his license or to otherwise respond to Board communications.

Dr. Saucedo's license was suspended because he is a known drug abuser who was found in possession of cocaine and prescription drugs. He was arrested for possession of cocaine on December 12, 2004.

The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and remains in effect until the board takes further action.

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