1999 Press Releases

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Eight Doctors Disciplined

During its January 28-29 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined eight licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: one revocation; five suspensions, of which one was stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; two public reprimands; and two administrative penalties totaling \$5,100 were assessed. The Board also canceled the licenses of six acupuncturists.

Proposed and Adopted Rules

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the *Texas Register*: Chapter163, section 163.10, regarding Distinguished Professors Temporary License. Chapter 171, revisions to chapter regarding Physicians in Training. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, section 185.14 concerning Notification of Intent to Practice and Supervise, and section 185.2 concerning the definition of the word "Submit." Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders, section 193.2 concerning the definition of the word "Submit."

The Board also adopted an amendment to Chapter 163, Section 163.1 of the licensure rules regarding acceptable combinations of examination for licensure.

For copies of these rules, write to the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin TX 78768-2018, or e-mail <u>pat.wood@tmb.state.txus</u>.

Disciplinary Actions

Burgos, Hernan E., M.D., Fort Worth, TX, Lic. #D2649

A Proposal for Decision was heard concerning Dr. Hernan E. Burgos on 1-28-99. The physician s license was revoked. Action due to conviction of felony or crime involving moral turpitude, unprofessional conduct, and practice inconsistent with public health and welfare. Action will not be final until all appeals have been exhausted.

Bowles, Theodore A. Jr., D.O., San Antonio, TX, Lic. #H7392

An Agreed Order was entered on 1-29-99 suspending his license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on indefinite probation under certain terms and conditions. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, and unprofessional conduct.

Farley, Patrick, M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #G2696

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 1-13-99 temporarily suspending Dr. Patrick Farley s license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Medical Practice Act.

Levenson, Alvin J., M.D., Sugar Land, TX Lic. #E1022

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 suspending the physician \clubsuit s license. Action due to failure to pay child support.

Robin, Sidney T., M.D., Austin, TX, Lic. #E2824

An Agreed Order was entered on 1-29-99 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$100. Action due to violation of board rules.

Rivera, Raul, M.D., El Paso, TX, Lic. #C8420

An Agreed Order was entered on 1-29-99 suspending the physician \clubsuit s license until such time as he appears before the Board and provides sufficient evidence and information that indicate he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs.

Villarreal, Cesar Q., M.D., El Paso, TX, Institutional Permit #27005

An Agreed Order was entered on 1-29-99 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. Action due to unprofessional conduct.

Womack, James C., M.D., Bandera, TX, Lic. #G8516

An Agreed Order was entered on 1-29-99 suspending the physician \clubsuit s license until such time as he appears before the Board and provides sufficient evidence and information that indicate he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs.

Acupuncturists

Chen, Shing-Fu, Austin, TX, Lic. #AC00250

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 canceling the license due to failure to meet automatic licensure requirements. Action will not be final until all appeals are final.

Choi, Chi Bok, Dallas, TX, Lic. #AC00090

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 canceling the license due to failure to meet automatic licensure requirements. Action will not be final until all appeals are final.

Jin, Yifen Jennifer, Houston, TX, Lic. #AC00241

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 canceling the license due to failure to meet automatic licensure requirements. Action will not be final until all appeals are final.

Nguyen, Maihoa Thi, Houston, TX, Lic. #AC00161

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 canceling the license due to failure to meet automatic licensure requirements. Action will not be final until all appeals are final.

Otte, Per, Hot Springs Village, AR, Lic. #AC00264

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 canceling the license due to failure to meet automatic licensure requirements. Action will not be final until all appeals are final.

Shih, Shu Pin, Houston, TX, Lic. #AC00040

An Order was entered on 1-29-99 canceling the license due to failure to meet automatic licensure requirements. Action will not be final until all appeals are final.

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