

2000 Press Releases

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20 Doctors Disciplined

During its March 30-31 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 20 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: eight revocations or surrenders, one of which was stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; four suspensions, of which one was stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; one restriction; three public reprimands; and five administrative penalties totaling \$19,000 were assessed.

Rule Changes

The Board approved the following proposed rule changes that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 163, Licensure, amendment to 163.4 regarding examinations. Chapter 164, Advertising, repeal of 164.1 and new 164.1-164.5, (except for proposed 164.4 regarding board certification) regarding misleading and deceptive advertising. Chapter 165, Medical Records, amendments to 165.2 and new 165.4 regarding medical records. The amendment and new section will clarify charges for affidavits that may accompany copies of medical records certifying that the copy is a true and correct copy of the original; change the limit on the amount of time allowed for records release to 15 days in accordance with House Bill 27, 76th Legislature; and outline rules relating to custodian of records. Chapter 166, Physician Registration, amendment to 166.2 regarding reporting of continuing medical education hours. Chapter 167, Reinstatement, new 167.4-167.6 regarding criteria to be considered when assessing whether it is in the best interest of the physician or the public to reinstate a physician's license. Chapter 171, Institutional Permits, new 171.7 concerning postgraduate research permits. Chapter 174, Telemedicine, amendment to 174.3 concerning non-disciplinary actions taken by other state licensing boards. Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia, new 192.1-192.6, concerning responsibilities of physicians providing, or overseeing by proper delegation, anesthesia services in outpatient settings and outlining the minimum acceptable standards for the provision of anesthesia services in outpatient settings, as mandated by Senate Bill 1340, 76th Legislature.

Proposed Rules

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the *Texas Register* and comment: Chapter 193, proposed new section 193.9 regarding pronouncement of death and new 193.10 regarding collaborative management of glaucoma.

For copies of rule changes or proposed rules, write the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin, TX 78768-2018, or e-mail jill.wiggins@tmb.state.tx.us