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Medical Board Temporarily Restricts License of Edward Emile Louis, M.D., of Dickinson

A panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted the license of Edward Emile Louis, M.D., license number D0953, under its authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to temporarily restrict a physician's license when it determines that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The board temporarily suspended Dr. Louis' license without notice, effective May 28. The order of temporary restriction supersedes the order effective May 28 and, imposing certain terms and conditions, lifts the suspension of Dr. Louis' license.

The panel based its action on the following findings: Dr. Louis was subject of a peer review proceeding before the Texas Medical Foundation concerning his care and treatment of five patients. The TMF panel was concerned about Dr. Louis' apparent lack of basic medical knowledge and it identified deficiencies in his cognitive status. TMF notified the board. The TMB panel had continuing concerns regarding Dr. Louis' fitness to practice medicine.

The restrictions include the following:

1. Within 30 days of the order, Dr. Louis must undergo an independent medical evaluation, at his own expense, by a practitioner approved by the board;
2. within 90 days, Dr. Louis must take and pass with a score of 75 or more the Special Purpose Examination within three attempts;
3. within 180 days, Dr. Lewis must complete specific continuing medical education requirements; and
4. Dr. Louis must have a chart monitor retroactively for 90 days, and prospectively for every 90 days while the order is effective.

If he fails to take and pass the SPEX within 90 days, Dr. Louis' license will be suspended.

The hearing took place Thursday, June 19, and the restrictions were effective immediately. The length of a temporary restriction order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.