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Medical Board Suspends License of Carlos H. Fernandez, M.D.

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners temporarily suspended the license of Carlos H. Fernandez, M.D., license #D9438, of Houston, after determining that Dr. Fernandez's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on Dr. Fernandez's failure to comply with previous orders requiring him to complete an education plan recommended by the Colorado Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) program and practicing as an emergency room physician in violation of a previous order restricting him to family practice. In addition, the panel found that Dr. Fernandez failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment of five patients in the Dickerson Memorial Hospital Emergency Department in November, 2004.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Thursday, August 11, and the suspension was effective immediately. The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, which will be the Texas Medical Board on September 1, is the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists and provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, has strengthened and accelerated the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior.

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