# 2005 Press Releases

# Thursday, June 9, 2005

48 Doctors Disciplined

Since its last Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has taken disciplinary action against 48 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: six surrenders/revocations; six suspensions, with three stayed and probated; 11restrictions; five public reprimands; and 25 administrative penalties totaling \$37,500. During its May 20 meeting, the Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners took disciplinary action against three physician assistants.

**New Licenses Issued** During its June 2-3 Board meeting, the Board approved the licensure applications of 438 physicians.

**Disciplinary Actions** The following are summaries of the Board actions. The full text of the Board orders will be available on the Board's web site at www.tsbme.state.tx.us about 10 days after the Board meeting. The orders provide all information that is public regarding the facts of the case and violations of the law.

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### Disciplinary Actions ADAMS, JOHN JAMES, M.D., PASADENA, TX, Lic. #D0771

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Adams entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Adams to obtain continuing medical education including 10 hours of ethics and 10 hours in medical record-keeping in courses or programs approved by the Executive Director; to apprise the requesting physician of the status of records that were requested, and assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Adams failed to respond to requests from another physician to supply medical records.

#### BARRERA, RODOLFO CANTU, D.O., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #F3737

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Barrera entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Barrera to complete 10 hours of continuing medical education in record-keeping/documentation and assessing an administrative penalty of \$750. The action was based on allegations of insufficient documentation of a physical exam of a patient who presented with abdominal pain.

#### BARST, GEOFFREY STEPHEN, M.D., FORT WORTH, TX, Lic. #F0866

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Barst entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Barst failed to provide properly requested medical records on a timely basis and failed to maintain the medical records for the seven years required by Board rule.

#### BELL, ROBERT STEVEN, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #J0441

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Bell entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Bell and placing him on probation for five years under terms and conditions, including that Dr. Bell not supervise a physician assistant; that he continue to receive care from his treating psychiatrist; that he obtain a complete forensic evaluation from a board-designated psychiatrist; and that he successfully complete, within 180 days, the Anger Management for Healthcare Professionals course offered by the University of California at San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program or an equivalent course. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Bell became inappropriately angry with hospital personnel before and after his performance of surgery and interacted inappropriately with such personnel.

### BHULLAR, INDERMEET SINGH, M.D., HUNTSVILLE, AL, Lic. #BP20015330

On April 8, 2005, Dr. Bhullar and the Board entered into an Agreed Order placing Dr. Bhullar on probation for 10 years, requiring abstinence from alcohol and drugs and participation in drug and alcohol testing and the activities of his county medical society and Alcoholics Anonymous. The action was based on allegations of intemperate use of drugs and alcohol, including an arrest for driving while intoxicated.

# CALVILLO, OCTAVIO J., M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #G6062

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Calvillo entered into a three-year Agreed Order requiring that Dr. Calvillo successfully complete at least 10 hours of continuing medical education in the area of record keeping; that his practice be monitored by another physician; that within 90 days Dr. Calvillo present a protocol establishing guidelines for the proper monitoring of patients for potential abuse of medications with addictive potential; and that within 30 days he present documentation that he has completed the minimum continuing medical education requirements for the years 2003 and 2004. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Calvillo did not sufficiently monitor the overuse of medications for one patient, including Zydone, Lexapro, Soma, Roxicet, OxyContin, Restoril, Norco and Duragesic patches.

### CHASE, C. C., M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #K5080

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Chase entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that, for certain drugs that Dr. Chase required a patient to pick up at his office, he charged an amount in excess of the cost of the drugs in order to cover the cost of monitoring the use of the drugs, in violation of Board Rules.

#### CHITALE, ANIRUDDHA ASHOK, M.D., WAXAHACHIE, TX, Lic. #K5864

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Chitale entered into an Agreed Order whereby Dr. Chitale voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Chitale groped the breasts of a female patient who had been under anesthesia and placed his penis against her cheek and mouth. Dr. Chitale's license was suspended on February 17 following his arrest for sexually assaulting the female patient.

### COLLINS, DAVID BURRELL, D.O., GRANBURY, TX, Lic. #F6538

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Collins entered into an Agreed Order whereby Dr. Collins voluntarily surrendered his Texas medical license. The action was based on allegations that he is impaired from illness or drunkenness or excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals or another type of substance, or as a result of a mental or physical condition, and is unable to treat patients with reasonable skill.

#### CROWLEY, WILLIAM JAMES III, M.D., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #J6097

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Crowley entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$750. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Crowley discussed a patient's medical information in front of visitors in the patient's hospital room without asking permission of the patient.

#### DYER, MORGAN C. D., M.D., MIDLAND, TX, Lic. #F3111

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Dyer entered into an Agreed Order whereby Dr. Dyer voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Dyer was indicted for, and tried and convicted of, "possession of visual depiction of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct."

# EARGLE, CANTRAL LESTER JR., M.D., IRVING, TX, Lic. #G0694

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Eargle entered into an Agreed Order whereby the Board accepted the permanent and voluntary surrender of Dr. Eargle's Texas medical license. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Eargle prescribed controlled substances to five patients without taking a proper history, without a proper physical examination and without maintaining adequate medical records to support the prescriptions.

### ELBAOR, JAMES EDWARD, M.D., ARLINGTON, TX, Lic. #E7062

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Elbaor entered into a Mediated Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and requiring Dr. Elbaor to enter into a contract with a medical services management firm to provide billing and coding services. The action was based on allegations of failure to use diligence in the management of his medical records.

# GORDON, WILLIAM HYATT JR., M.D., LUBBOCK, TX, Lic. #D0890

On April 12, 2005, the Board took action to suspend Dr. Gordon's license until further order of the Board. This action results from the prior Agreed Order entered into on December 12, 2003, between the Board and Dr. Gordon that is based on Dr. Gordon's failure to practice in a professional manner and his aiding an unlicensed person in the practice of medicine. Under the terms of the 2003 order, Dr. Gordon was required to take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence exam in three attempts within one year. As set out in the order, if Dr. Gordon failed to take and pass the exam, his license would be suspended after a panel of Board representatives considered the relevant information. Dr. Gordon failed to meet the requirement.

#### HOLLINS, BLANCHARD TUCKER, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #C7219

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Hollins entered into an Agreed Order requiring that Dr. Hollins' practice be monitored by another physician for up to three years. The action was based on allegations the Board expert determined that Dr. Hollins failed to meet the standard of care by not referring patients with chronic pain, anxiety and depression to specialists.

**HOLT, BYRON BUSBY, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #D2460** On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Holt entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Holt failed to maintain adequate medical records for one patient.

**HOUSE, CHARLES HAROLD, M.D., KILLEEN, TX, Lic. #D0390** On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. House entered into an Agreed Order indefinitely restricting Dr. House's license under terms and conditions, including the following: Dr. House is not permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse; he may not prescribe controlled substances and must surrender his controlled substances certificates; he must enroll in the "CPEP" program (now the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians) and implement recommendations of that program and not treat any patient for pain for more than 30 days. The terms and conditions also require that Dr. House's practice be monitored by another physician and that he attend at least 50 hours of continuing medical education and perform one hundred hours of community service each year. The action was based on allegations that Dr. House nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to 13 patients and failed to take proper histories or maintain adequate medical records on the patients.

# JALALI, HAMID REZA, D.O., MAURICEVILLE, TX, Lic. #H0491

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Jalali entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Jalali's practice to be reviewed by another physician for one year and requiring Dr. Jalali to obtain at least 10 hours of continuing medical education in record-keeping or risk management. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Jalali failed to appropriately document the need and rationale for drugs prescribed to a patient who died while under Dr. Jalali's care.

# JOHNSON, TERRY LEE, M.D., WICHITA FALLS, TX, Lic. #J5795

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Johnson entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Johnson's license, staying the suspension after 90 days and placing him on probation under terms and conditions for 15 years. The terms and conditions include abstinence from alcohol and drugs, alcohol and drug testing, continuing psychiatric treatment, participation in Alcoholic's Anonymous, and that he not serve as a physician for his immediate family. Dr. Johnson's previous Confidential Nonpublic Agreed Rehabilitation Order of August, 2004, was also made public. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Johnson violated his August, 2004, Order for hydrocodone abuse by testing positive for Fentanyl and his admission that he had worn a Fentanyl patch while on a medical mission out of the country.

### KERN, SUSAN B., M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #G6785

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Kern entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Kern's license for a minimum of 60 days and until such time as Dr. Kern personally appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence that she is competent to safely practice medicine. The action is based on allegations that Dr. Kern prescribed numerous medications to herself without having medical records, kept class three controlled substances in unlocked cabinets, prescribed medication to a patient without keeping a medical record and was subject to numerous allegations from former employees as to improper office practices and altering of medical records.

### KUSMIERZ, ZBIGNIEW, M.D., MCALLEN, TX, Lic. #K9829

On June 3, 2005, the Board entered into an Agreed Order with Dr. Kuzmierz suspending his license, staying the suspension and placing him on probation for 10 years underterms and conditions, including abstinence from drugs and alcohol, drug and alcohol testing, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, attendance at Narcotics Anonymous or a similar program and limitations on his practice of anesthesiology including that he not directly dispense or administer controlled substances to patients or be the only person qualified to dispense or administer anesthetic drugs present in an operating room. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Kusmierz abused the drug Fentanyl.

# LAKSHMIKANTH, BANGALORE NARAYAN, M.D., BROWNSVILLE, TX, Lic. #G4632

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Lakshmikanth entered into a two-year Agreed Order requiring that Dr. Lakshmikanth successfully complete 35 hours of continuing medical education each year and assessing an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Lakshmikanth failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of a 51/2-year-old patient who sustained an open fracture of his right forearm at the elbow and who, following treatment and application of a long-arm cast, developed a life-threatening infection and required amputation of the arm at the shoulder.

#### LEWIS, JEFFREY EARL, M.D., HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX, Lic. #F8555

On May 16, 2005, the Board and Dr. Lewis entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Lewis, assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000 and requiring him to take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam within one year. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Lewis did not effectively address a patient's post-surgery complications.

### McBRIDE, JOHN CECIL, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #E2288

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. McBride entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. McBride to publish three times an advertisement informing his former patients of his cessation of practice, his current mailing address and the procedure for his patients to obtain their records. The Agreed Order additionally assessed an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. McBride closed his private practice without adequately informing his patients of the closing or where their records could be obtained, and without informing the Board of his new address.

### McGILL, THOMAS WAYNE, M.D., WOLFFORTH, TX, Lic. #M0169

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. McGill entered into an Agreed Order superseding and extending Dr. McGill's prior October 8, 2004, Order with the Board for three years under the same terms and conditions, including that Dr. McGill's practice be limited to a group or institutional setting and that he have a chaperone present during any physical examination of a patient. The June 3, 2005, Agreed Order additionally assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on a finding that Dr. McGill did not obtain prior written approval from the Executive Director, as required by the October 8, 2004, Order, before joining a new group practice.

# MEHAGAN, YVONNE JO, M.D., CLEBURNE, TX, Lic. #K5674

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Mehagan entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Mehagan to obtain an additional 35 hours of continuing medical education per year for two years in the areas of pain management, medical records and office management, and assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations Dr. Mehagan did not meet the standard of care in her treatment of a chronic pain patient.

### MORAN, WILMER JR., M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #E1684

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Moran entered into an Agreed Order whereby Dr. Moran voluntarily surrendered his Texas medical license. The action is based on Dr. Moran's admission of his present inability to practice medicine because of poor health.

# NAMIREDDY, VASANTH REDDY, M.D., FORT WORTH, TX, Lic. #H9125

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Namireddy entered into a three-year Agreed Order requiring Dr. Namireddy to attend an additional 50 hours of continuing medical education in pharmacology, pain management, risk management, practice management and medical records keeping each year and assessing an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Namireddy wrote prescriptions for a person he should have known was an abuser of the narcotic drugs, controlled substances or dangerous drugs prescribed.

### OLMSTED, WILLIAM ROBERT, M.D., DALLAS, TX, Lic. #J1550

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Olmsted entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Olmsted failed to supply requested medical records on a timely basis.

# PARKER, THOMAS STERLING, M.D., GEORGETOWN, TX, Lic. #F1884

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Parker entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Parker, requiring him to obtain 25 hours of ethics through courses or programs approved by the Executive Director of the Board and assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Parker abetted the practice of medicine by a company owned by non-physicians.

### PRATER, WILLIAM WARREN, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #F4390

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Prater entered into a Mandatory Revocation Order revoking Dr. Prater's Texas medical license. The terms and conditions of his August 17, 1996, Agreed Order required Dr. Prater to abstain from alcohol unless prescribed by a physician and authorized the Board to automatically revoke his license upon determination by a Board panel that Dr. Prater had violated the Agreed Order. The action was based on Dr. Prater's violation on November 9, 2004, when he tested positive for alcohol.

# RAMIREZ-LAVIN, JAVIER, M.D., MCALLEN, TX, Lic. #F7893

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Ramirez-Lavin entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Ramirez-Lavin and assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Ramirez-Lavin provided resuscitation to a newborn that he deemed to be stillborn. However, the infant still had a heartbeat and gasping respirations for 30

minutes after Dr. Ramirez-Lavin's determination, and ultimately the newborn had normal pulse and breathing.

### RAMIREZ-NIETO, MARIA CRISTINA, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #J4979

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Ramirez-Nieto entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Ramirez-Nieto failed to timely provide requested medical records.

#### RAPHAEL, PETER, M.D., PLANO, TX., Lic. #G8361

On June 8, 2005, the Board ordered that Dr. Raphael's Texas medical license be immediately suspended. The action was based on Dr. Raphael's failure to comply with all of the terms and conditions of an Order Dr. Raphael entered into with the Board on December 12, 2003. Subsequently, and also on June 8, the District Court of the 353rd Judicial District in Travis County, Texas, entered an Order denying Dr. Raphael's application for a temporary restraining order against the enforcement of the Board's Order.

### ROBINSON, HERBERT JOEL, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #D5568

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Robinson entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Robinson failed to timely provide requested medical records.

### ROGLER-BROWN, TIMOTHY LEE, M.D., SAN BENITO, TX, Lic. #K6918

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Rogler-Brown entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Rogler-Brown used an advertising statement that was false, misleading or deceptive.

#### SANDERS, PATRICIA FERN, M.D., LONGVIEW, TX, Lic. #H4674

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Sanders entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,500. The action is based on allegations that Dr. Sanders failed to timely provide requested medical records.

### SARKAR, SONALI, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #BP20019410

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Sarkar entered into an Agreed Order requiring that if Dr. Sarkar seeks a physician in training permit or a medical license, she must appear before the Licensure Committee of the Board and provide clear and convincing evidence that indicates to the satisfaction of the Board that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Sarkar suffers from a mental illness.

### SEUDEAL, INDAL M., M.D., HARLINGEN, TX, Lic. #J7664

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Seudeal entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Seudeal and requiring him to complete 15 hours of continuing medical education in record keeping; to complete an Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Course and obtain ATLS certification; and assessing an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Seudeal failed to meet the standard of care in managing a newly quadriplegic patient recovering from surgery by failing to monitor the patient for deterioration of function of the lungs, failing to order serial x-rays to assess respiratory status and failing to order pressure-breathing treatments as part of the critical care treatment plan.

### SPEAR, DAVE S., M.D., ODESSA, TX, Lic. #H9719

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Spear entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Spear, as part of an attempt to implement a telemedicine project in an underserved area, violated a Board rule prohibiting offering rewards to any person for securing or soliciting a patient.

# STUMHOFFER, ROBERT BRIAN, D.O., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #H0857

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Stumhoffer entered into an Agreed Order requiring that Dr. Stumhoffer take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination within one year and subjecting him to terms and conditions for three years, including that he must obtain 10 hours each of continuing medical education in medical records and ethics each year and that he not treat, prescribe for or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Stumhoffer nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to his wife, without keeping a medical record, and to himself.

### TORRES, RICHARD R., M.D., MESQUITE, TX, Lic. #K6943

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Torres entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Torres failed to obtain the continuing medical education required by a prior Agreed Order.

# TSE, EDWARD KIN-CHOW, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #G4413

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Tse entered into a three-year Agreed Order requiring Dr. Tse's practice to be monitored by another physician and requiring Dr. Tse to complete an additional 50 hours of continuing medical education each year. The action was based on allegations that for one patient Dr. Tse maintained poor medical records, failed to properly evaluate the patient for chronic pain and overprescribed antibiotics.

# WALKER, MCDONALD HUGO, M.D., PLANO, TX, Lic. #F7658

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Walker entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Walker to complete 25 hours of continuing medical education in orthopedics, emergency medicine and medical record-keeping within one year and assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations Dr. Walker failed to meet the standard of care in evaluating an elderly patient who presented to the emergency room with complaints of left hip pain after a fall that caused a broken hip.

# WALSS, RODOLFO J., M.D., BROWNSVILLE, TX, Lic. #J1423

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Walss entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Walss used an advertising statement that was false, misleading or deceptive.

### WELLS, DARREL RICHARD, M.D., HUNTSVILLE, TX, Lic. #F2099

On May 8, 2005, the Board and Dr. Wells entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Wells' license, staying the suspension and placing him on probation for as long as he holds a Texas medical license, requiring him to abstain from the consumption of alcohol or other drugs, undergo random drug screening, obtain a forensic psychiatric evaluation, complete a 60-day inpatient program, participate in Alcoholics Anonymous and comply with the terms and conditions of his contract with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The action was based on allegations of a long history of drug and alcohol abuse with an April, 2004, relapse of alcohol abuse.

#### WHEELER, DOUGLAS WAYNE, M.D., PORT NECHES, TX, Lic. #F8731

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Wheeler entered into an Agreed Order replacing and extending an April 2, 2004, Mediated Order. The Agreed Order, as did the previous Order, suspends Dr. Wheeler's license, stays the suspension and places him on probation for five years under terms and conditions, including that he not practice obstetrics or surgical gynecology, that his practice be monitored by another physician, that he perform 100 hours of community service each year, that he complete at least 50 hours of additional continuing medical education and that he pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Wheeler had not completed the community service nor paid all of the administrative penalty.

# WHITTAKER HILLIARD, YOLANDA LA VERN, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #F7302

On June 3, 2005, the Board and Dr. Hilliard entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The penalty was based on allegations that Dr. Hilliard failed to release requested medical records on a timely basis.

### **Physician Assistants**

# CORDOVA, PHILIP FRANK, CANUTILLO, TX, Lic. #PA01727

On May 20, 2005, the Board of Physician Assistant Examiners and Mr. Cordova entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations Mr. Cordova failed to report an arrest on his 2003 annual registration.

# HARRIS, SHARYN KAY, CANYON LAKE, TX, Lic. #PA00262

On May 20, 2005, the Board of Physician Assistant Examiners and Ms. Harris entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Ms. Harris entered a plea of nolo contendere for driving while intoxicated on a night when she was on telephone call, though not required to see patients.

### NOLEN, JOHN EDWARD, PALESTINE, TX, Lic. #PA01635

On May 20, 2005, the Board of Physician Assistant Examiners and Mr. Nolen entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations Mr. Nolen failed to report an arrest on his license renewal application.

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