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## Message From the TMB President: Another Record-Breaking Licensing Year



Zaafran

With 2023 drawing to a close, I am delighted to share some exceptional achievements from the Texas Medical Board that reflect our commitment to serving the healthcare needs of our state. This year has been marked by significant milestones and unwavering dedication from our team.

One major accomplishment being that for a third consecutive year, the agency has achieved a new record in physician licensing. Ending the fiscal year on August 31, 2023, we issued a staggering 7,060 licenses. This surpasses our previous record and reaches a remarkable milestone of over 100,000 Texas licensed physicians, which includes over 70,000 who are actively practicing in Texas. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the resilience and adaptability of our agency staff, especially during challenging times.

Our staff's incredible efforts have been instrumental in licensing physicians in a timely and efficient manner. I commend them on upholding our standards and ensuring that qualified physicians are licensed to meet the growing healthcare needs of our state.

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact program also continues to be successful at adding to our licensee population since its implementation nearly two years ago. The TMB issued 1,607 licenses via the Compact licensing pathway, accounting for 23-percent of our total licenses issued for the most recent fiscal year.

Moreover, the Physician-in-Training permitting season, which ran from March 1st to August 1st, was exceptionally productive. We issued another record number 4,224 Physician-in-Training permits during this period. This accomplishment underscores our ongoing efforts to support the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Next year the TMB will be busy further implementing new requirements resulting from this year's legislative session and the agency has already been hard at work with several programs. Staff have been enrolling licensees in <u>Continuous Query</u>, and will be doing the same with the FBI Civil Rap Back system which are new reguirements of House Bill 1998. Both notification systems will help further improve our processes to support our licensing and enforcement programs.

As we approach the holiday season, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team at the Texas Medical Board, our health professional licensees, and the entire Texas healthcare community. Together, we will continue to make strides in enhancing healthcare across our great state.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Respectfully,

Dr. Sherif Zaafran, M.D., FASA **Texas Medical Board President** 

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# Physician Fingerprinting Renewal Requirement

As part of recent legislation, physicians will be required to submit fingerprints prior to having their license renewed unless they were fingerprinted for licensing after January 15, 2018.

This process will begin for licensees who are renewing in February 2024.

Reminders of the fingerprint requirement will be included in the renewal notice sent out 90 days prior to the licensee's



current expiration date. Detailed instructions will be included in the email renewal reminder notices.

Physician licensees are encouraged to begin this process as soon as possible.

For further information on the process, and other FAQs, please visit: <u>https://</u>www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/renewals-physicians

# TMB Recognized for Supporting Health Professionals

Earlier this year TMB was named a "2023 Wellbeing First Champion" by <u>ALL IN: WellBeing First for Healthcare</u>, cofounded by <u>#FirstRespondersFirst</u> – an initiative of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Thrive Global, and CAA Foundation – and <u>The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes'</u> <u>Foundation</u>. safely and appropriately managed and is a normal part of people's lives," President Zaafran said. "Patients receive the best care and have better outcomes when those who are treating us are healthy and well themselves and we will continue to support the overall health and wellbeing of our state's healthcare professionals."

"We're proud to receive this honor for the Board's work modernizing licensing language that encourages disclosure of physical and mental health status without fear of negative repercussion," said Texas Medical Board President Dr. Sherif Z. Zaafran, M.D.

In 2020, the Board adopted recommendations made by the Federation of State Medical Boards, the American Medical Association and other health organizations, to up-

date licensing application and renewal questions, and limit overly broad probing language that can dissuade health professionals from seeking treatment and reporting their conditions.

"The Board is very mindful of the perceived stigma of seeking treatment for medical conditions that can be



The Texas Physician Health Program serves as a nonpunitive avenue for TMB licensees seeking treatment for potentially impairing physical and mental conditions to maintain appropriate oversight and keep their license in good standing.

If you as a health professional, or any that you know, may benefit from seeking assistance or have any questions, please reach out to TXPHP, which is a confidential pro-

gram: https://www.txphp.state.tx.us/

There are also support programs for other health care professionals not licensed by the TMB:

- Professional Recovery Network (PRN)
- Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN)

# TMB's Carlton Named Alumnus of the Year



Carlton

Texas Medical Board Executive Director Stephen "Brint" Carlton, J.D., M.B.A, M.H.A., recently received high honor from his alma mater, being <u>named alumnus of the year</u>.

Mr. Carlton, a 2005 graduate of the University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions' Master of Health Administration pro-

gram, received the "2023 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award "in recognition of extraordinary contributions to health care services policy and leadership at the state and national levels."

"I am honored to receive such recognition from the University of Florida. No one is successful on their own and this award is a reflection of the incredible family, friends, fellow TMB employees, and Airmen I have been blessed to be surrounded by. I sincerely appreciate their outstanding work," said Executive Director Carlton.

In addition to his Master of Health Administration, Carlton holds his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, a Master in Military Operational Art and Science from the Air Command and Staff College, and a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Texas at Austin.

Along with serving as Executive Director of the TMB since 2018, Carlton serves in the United States Air Force Reserve. He currently holds the rank of lieutenant colonel and is the Commander of the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. Carlton joined the United States Air Force following his graduation from the University of Florida.

He spent nearly four years on active duty and the last 14 years as a reservist. Carlton has been stationed in Texas, Virginia, the Pentagon, and Georgia. He has also completed multiple deployments in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and United Assistance, and the Department of Defense response to COVID-19.

Prior to joining the TMB, Carlton served his home county as a county judge and prosecutor in Orange County, Texas.

# Case Review Experts Needed

TMB is calling for physicians in all areas of medicine to serve as experts in reviewing standard of care cases. Specific areas of need are in Oncology, Hematology, Neonatology, Anesthesiology, Gastroenterology, Neurosurgery, General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery and Complementary & Alternative Medicine.

As an expert to the Board, your identity for any individual case will be confidential. Reimbursement for time spent performing case review is offered as is credit towards the continuing medical education requirements for Texas state licensure. The requirements for serving are:

- Active license to practice in Texas or a state that is a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- Active practice (more than 20 hours per week, 40 weeks per year)
- No history of negative peer review action or license restriction
- Acceptable malpractice history
- Initial board certification by an organization that is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists or the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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# PA Board Honors Dr. Steve Ahmed



Ahmed

At the Texas Physician Assistant Board's summer meeting, board members paid their respects to fellow member Dr. Steve Ahmed, who sadly passed away on June 30, 2023.

Presiding Officer Karri Lynn Crosby, PA-C, MPAS, read the following resolution in his honor:

Whereas, the members of the Texas Physician Assistant Board wish to express appreciation for Steve Saeed Ahmed, M.D.'s, outstanding service on this Board from August 17, 2020 to June 30, 2023;

And whereas, he gave unselfishly of his time and energy while serving on the Board;

And whereas, he demonstrated compassion and professionalism while seeking to ensure quality healthcare for the citizens of Texas;

And whereas, his intellectual ability, personal strength and deep commitment to the ideals of public service were unexcelled; And whereas, he was an invaluable and enthusiastic member of the Board and contributed his time and expertise including serving on the Licensure Committee.

Now be it resolved that the members of the Texas Physician Assistant Board join together in honor and recognition of Steve Saeed Ahmed, M.D., for his distinguished service and further that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to his family and that it forthwith be inscribed upon the permanent minutes of this Board.

Steve Ahmed, M.D., of Big Spring served his community as a physician at Big Spring Pediatrics and as medical advisor for the City of Big Spring, Texas. He also served as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Texas Tech University. He previously served as the chief of staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Ahmed was a delegate to the Texas Medical Association, president of the Permian Basin Medical Society, and a member of the American Academic of Pediatrics. Ahmed completed his residency training in Pediatrics at Columbia University.

For more on Dr. Ahmed's life and legacy, visit: <u>https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/dallas-tx/steve-ahmed-11354717</u>

# New Acupuncture Board Member



Weems

In November, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Debbie Weems to the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners for a term set to expire January 31, 2029.

Deborah J. "Debbie" Weems, of Burnet, is the vice president of product for Speak Retail Group, LLC. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and member of the Texas Association of Mediators and the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association. Previously, she served as president of the Mid-South Independent Booksellers Association and an advisory board member of the Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center. Weems received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Mediation from Abilene Christian University.

# **Board Rules**

No rules were adopted since the publication of the previous bulletin. After publication in the TX Register, rule summaries with effective date are posted on the TMB website: <u>http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules</u>. For full rule text in the Texas Administrative Code, visit: <u>http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.viewtac</u>.

Formal Complaints					
Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations		
Smith, Stephen Ross, M.D., Baltimore, MD	F0005	12/6/23	Other state's action.		



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# **2024 CME PRESENTATIONS**

The Texas Medical Board is offering one-hour CME-eligible virtual presentations to inform and educate physician licensees about the regulation of the practice of medicine through physician licensure and enforcement. The presentations available are listed below:

## Upholding Professional Accountability:

What You Need to Know About Physician Licensure, Discipline, and Regulation in Texas

A) Overview of TMB Licensure and Enforcement Processes
B) Review of Board Rules and Common Violations
C) Legislative Update
D) Question and Answer Session

## **Board Rules on Opioids and Chronic Pain Management**

A) Overview of TMB Enforcement Process
B) Review of Statues and Rules on Pain Management
C) The Prescription Monitoring Program and PMC Inspections
D) Question and Answer Session

TMB can provide the CME as <u>one hour of formal hours of study in medical ethics and/or</u> <u>professional responsibility to be applied toward TMB registration requirements</u>. If your, hospital, medical or specialty society is already designated as, or works in conjunction with, a provider of AMA PRA Category 1 CME, we can assist in applying for Category I accreditation for the TMB presentations. <u>A minimum of 15 participants is required.</u>

If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation for your group, please contact us at: <u>outreach@tmb.state.tx.us</u>

Continuing Education Opportunities					
Activity Title	Date(s)	No. of Hours	Link		
NICU Family Mental Health and Wellness (UT Southwestern)	Expires: 3/12/2024	Various	https://cme.utsouthwestern.edu/ node/123087#group-tabs-node- course-default1		
Behavioral Health: Screening and Interven- tion	Expires: 3/16/2024	1.50 AMA PRA Category 1	<u>https://</u> www.txhealthsteps.com/544- behavioral-health-screening-and- intervention		
Building a Comprehensive and Effective Medical Home	Expires: 7/16/2024	1.25 AMA PRA Category 1	<u>https://</u> <u>www.txhealthsteps.com/571-</u> <u>medical-home</u>		
Management of Over- weight and Obesity in Children and Adolescents	Expires: 7/20/2025	1.50 AMA PRA Category 1	<u>https://</u> www.txhealthsteps.com/621- management-overweight-and- obesity-children-and-adolescents		
Diabetes Screening, Diag- nosis and Management	Expires: 3/16/2024	1.75 AMA PRA Category 1	<u>https://</u> <u>www.txhealthsteps.com/541-</u> <u>diabetes-screening-diagnosis-and-</u> <u>management</u>		
National STD Curriculum	Expires: 10/3/2024	Various	<u>https://www.std.uw.edu/</u>		
The continuing education opportunities listed above are provided only as a courtesy. TMB makes no guarantee to the quality of the content, fulfillment of credit hours for license requirement purposes, or ensure compliance with terms of any Board order or rules. As part of its 2016-2017 review of the Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission adopted a nonstatutory management action directing the Board to dedicate one page of its quarterly newsletter bulletin to three topics in continuing medical education that the Board considers relevant; at least one of the an- nual 12 continuing medical education topics must be related to tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease.					

## **Disciplinary Actions**

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit: <u>http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/news</u>.

#### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION

**Colvin, Jeffrey Norman, M.D., Lic. No. H2313, Lubbock** On December 6, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Jeffrey Norman Colvin, M.D. (Lic. No. H2313), after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that on or around November 18, 2023, Dr. Colvin was arrested in Lubbock County on the charge of Indecent Assault, a Class A misdemeanor. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Colvin, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Colvin. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Gallagher, Michael Patrick, M.D., Lic. No. N1322, Frisco

On December 18, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Michael Patrick Gallagher, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. Dr. Gallagher is restricted to the practice of anesthesiology and is restricted from supervision and delegation in all circumstances. Dr. Gallagher shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, surgical assistant, or anyone regardless of whether they are licensed or not. Additionally, Dr. Gallagher shall not be permitted to delegate any medical acts to anyone under any circumstances. The Board panel found that Dr. Gallagher failed to properly supervise an unlicensed individual performing intravenous (IV) treatments, including administering prescription pharmaceutical solutions, resulting in complications that staff were not trained or prepared to manage, resulting in a patient's death. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Haider, Khursheed, M.D., Lic. No. T0800, Rosedale, CA

On December 20, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Khursheed Haider, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that on or around November 30, 2023, Dr. Haider was indicted for distribution and possession of child pornography. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Haider, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Haider. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Hassan, Ameer Elsayed, D.O., Lic. No. P2455, Harlingen On October 24 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Ameer Elsayed Hassan, D.O., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Hassan was indicted and charged by a grand jury with second degree manslaughter under Texas Penal Code Section 19.04, which was confirmed on October 17, 2023, by the District Clerk of Cameron County. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Hassan, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Hassan. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Haygood, Kenneth D., M.D., Lic. No. K2341, Tyler

On October 24 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Kenneth D. Haygood, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Haygood is in violation of his June 2023 Final Order which restricted him from seeing and treating female patients. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Haygood, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Haygood. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

#### Larkin, Kaitlin Elizabeth, M.D., Lic. No. BP10085686, Lexington, KY

On November 17, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas physician-in-training permit of Kaitlin Elizabeth Larkin, M.D., after determining her continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Larkin, who is enrolled in a pathology residency program at Houston Methodist, suffers from an impairment that interferes with her ability to practice medicine safely. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Larkin, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Larkin. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

#### Martinez, Anthony Michael, M.D., Lic. No. M6281, San Antonio

On November 7, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Anthony Michael Martinez, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that on or around October 26, 2023, Dr. Martinez was arrested by the San Antonio Police Department Human Exploitation Unit for Online Solicitation of a Minor – Solicits Meet with Intention of Sexual Conduct, a second-degree felony. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Martinez, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Martinez. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

#### Rosenfeld, Bernard Lloyd, M.D., Lic. No. F7687, Houston

On November 15 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Bernard Lloyd Rosenfeld, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Rosenfeld is suffering from an impairment that interferes with his ability to safely practice. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Rosenfeld, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Rosenfeld. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

#### Zeitlin, Michael Pierre, M.D., Lic. No. H7262, Harlingen

On November 7, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Michael Pierre Zeitlin, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. Dr. Zeitlin is

prohibited from prescribing, administering, or dispensing Schedule II controlled substances in Texas other than a prescription written to him by a licensed provider for personal use. Dr. Zeitlin shall not use his Texas license in any jurisdiction to diagnose, treat, or prescribe controlled substances to patients in Texas for chronic or post-surgical, post-procedure, persistent non-chronic pain as defined in Board rules, or engage in the practice of pain management. Additionally, Dr. Zeitlin shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board panel found that Dr. Zeitlin nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to 15 patients and violated the applicable standard of care and Board rules relating to the treatment of chronic pain. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

#### UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

#### Almono, Juan Cartagena, M.D. Lic. No. BP10077177, El Paso

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Juan Cartagena Almono, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Almono and placing him under the following terms: within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within 30 days obtain a treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations made for care and treatment; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME in ethics; within one year pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Almono forged signatures on multiple prescriptions with the purpose of avoiding paying parking ticket citations and resigned from his residency program in lieu of termination.

#### Angulo Thompson, Daniella Del Pilar, M.D., Lic. No. S2219, Colleyville

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Daniella Del Pilar Angulo Thompson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting her from prescribing or dispensing controlled substances or dangerous drugs to herself or her immediate family or other persons with whom she has a close personal relationship; within 30 days obtain an independent chemical dependency/substance abuse evaluation; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. Gagadam, Dayaker R., M.D., Lic. No. K3195, Fort Worth On December 8, 2023, the Board and Dayaker R. Gagadam, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in boundaries, four hours in patient communications and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Gagadam performed an exam on sensitive areas based on the patient's complaints he had to palpate the patient's neck, chest and legs, and should have had a chaperone present.

#### Kallal, Kevin John, M.D., Lic. No. H7766, Colleyville

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Kevin John Kallal, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: publicly referred to the Texas Physician Health Program; for all patient encounters, either in person or utilizing telehealth/videoconferencing services, shall have a chaperone present; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics, four hours in risk management, four hours in prescribing controlled substances and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Kallal made inappropriate sexual conduct and comments and boundary violations with patients and staff. Dr. Kallal failed to adequately prescribe for six patients, and at all times relevant, suffered from impairment due to a mental or physical condition.

#### Moss, Sue, M.D., Lic. No. H0662, Georgetown

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Sue Moss, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within 60 days complete all requirements of the Remedial Plan entered on March 5, 2021. Dr. Moss must complete the required CME and payment of all administrative fees; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 8 additional hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Moss is in violation of her Remedial Plan by not completing the required CME within one year or paying the administrative fees and Dr. Moss has been uncooperative with Board staff.

#### Pham, Dung Quoc, M.D., Lic. No. N3993, Houston

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Dung Quoc Pham, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk

management and four hours in ethics; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Pham admitted that he may have violated a patient's confidentiality after posting details of the patient's care on social media without the patient's signed consent in the medical chart. Dr. Pham resigned after initiation of an investigation, though it was not proved he was aware of the pending investigation. Although there was a patient Dr. Pham had previously provided appropriate urological care for and who may have still needed care, Dr. Pham resigned from the call coverage contract and his privileges at St. Joseph Medical Center in Houston, Texas. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

**Staebel, Craig Allen, M.D., Lic. No. L3142, Georgetown** On December 8, 2023, the Board and Craig Allen Staebel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Staebel and placing him under the following terms: shall have a chaperone present for patient examinations; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Staebel breached professional boundaries when he hugged a patient during a post-operative breast augmentation exam and made unprofessional comments.

#### QUALITY OF CARE

Blair, Donald Levester, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. H4171, DeSoto On October 13, 2023, the Board and Donald Levester Blair, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: will not engage in or supervise delegates in the practice of obstetrics (does not apply to Gynecology) until he provides notice to the Board at least 30 days prior. If returning to obstetrics, Dr. Blair shall have his obstetrics practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. Additionally, Dr. Blair is required to within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in high-risk obstetrics. The Board found Dr. Blair failed to meet the standard of care for Patient 1 by failing to respond to the patient's emergent status involving a hemorrhagic pregnancy loss. For Patient 2, Dr. Blair inadequately communicated with hospital staff by failing to respond appropriately to requests from the patient and nursing staff to examine the patient for possibility of an expanding hematoma. Ultimately the patient did not have an expanding hematoma or other emergency condition.

Dr. Blair failed to keep adequate medical records for six patients, including Patients 1 and 2, and voluntarily ceased practicing obstetrics.

Campbell, Odette Louise, M.D., Lic. No. H9606, Houston On December 8, 2023, the Board and Odette Louise Campbell, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order revoking Dr. Campbell's license; however, the revocation is stayed and she is placed on probation under the following terms: within 30 days obtain a pre-approved board certified physician to serve as her work-site monitor; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for her immediate family, employees or close friends and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer, or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential to herself, immediate family, employees or close friends; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the TMB Remedial Coaching Program at the University of Texas at Dallas School of Management; have her practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in communications, eight hours in ethics, eight hours in HIPAA and eight hours in boundaries; within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Campbell improperly diagnosed and treated a patient, an employee of Dr. Campbell's, for unspecified bipolar disorder without a proper history, examination or laboratory testing. Dr. Campbell did not properly utilize standard criteria to support the diagnosis. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Dubberly, Danny Lee, M.D., Lic. No. E8447, Corpus Christi On December 8, 2023, the Board and Danny Lee Dubberly, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in medical recordkeeping, 12 hours in prescribing controlled substances and four hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Dubberly failed to properly monitor one patient by checking prescription monitoring before prescribing, prescribed controlled substances to his own advanced practice nurse without adequately documenting relevant history, physical exam findings, assessment, clinical impression or diagnoses in the absence of immediate need, and failed to keep adequate medical records for the patient.

**Dyslin, David Cole, M.D., Lic. No. J9667, Fort Worth** On October 13, 2023, the Board and David Cole Dyslin, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in recordkeeping and eight hours in physician-patient communication; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Dyslin failed to adequately disclose possible side effects of, and alternatives to, a bariatric surgery to the patient prior to the surgery and failed to keep adequate medical records.

#### Friedman, Justin, M.D., Lic. No. R7996, Dallas

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Justin Friedman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in management of intraoperative and perioperative complications during orthopedic surgery. The Board found Dr. Friedman violated the standard of care for the treatment of two patients and should have aborted the procedures. The first patient went into cardiac arrest during surgery and Dr. Friedman disregarded the anesthesiologist's concerns and attempts to resuscitate the patient, and for a second patient, Dr. Friedman continued to perform a right hip arthroplasty and ordered a wound vac and placement of the device after the patient coded and resuscitation was being performed.

# Grebennikov, Vladimir A., M.D., Lic. No. K9291, Richardson

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Vladimir A. Grebennikov, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics, four hours in risk management, four hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in informed consent; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500. The Board found Dr. Grebennikov failed to meet the standard of care and committed unprofessional conduct when a female visited his office to speak about business related issues. Dr. Grebennikov allegedly forced her into an exam room and injected her face with an unknown substance without her consent. Dr. Grebennikov has no medical records that show the procedure notes or any signed informed consent for the procedure, nor did he establish a physician-patient relationship or evaluate her prior to performing the procedure.

Havins, Jeremiah Daniel, M.D., Lic. No. Q4425, Waco

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Jeremiah Daniel Havins, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from practicing interventional cardiology medicine, but may practice general cardiology; and shall not be permitted to delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Havins failed to meet the standard of care in the surgical treatment of three patients on whom he performed cardiac interventions.

#### Ikeda, Marcos Hiroshi, M.D., Lic. No. N6375, Houston

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Marcos Hiroshi Ikeda, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 48 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervision and delegation, 8 hours in ethics, 8 hours in risk management, 8 hours in medical recordkeeping, 8 hours in informed consent and four hours in large volume liposuction v. liposuction; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Ikeda failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment of several patients when he failed to properly document his plan and assessment of patients for the procedures they were to undergo. Dr. Ikeda failed to properly followup and adequately address complications post-operatively. Additionally, Dr. Ikeda inappropriately delegated medical responsibility or acts by allowing foreign unlicensed medical graduates to present to his patients as doctors/ physicians.

#### Karim, Azim Amin, M.D., Lic. No. Q2911, Houston

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Azim Amin Karim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Karim and placing him under the following terms: have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, eight hours in billing and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$20,000. The Board found Dr. Karim's prescribing was inappropriate and medically unnecessary, as patients did not receive or request prescriptions for Ribavirin, which were sent to NextCare Pharmacy, which Dr. Karim owns and benefited from financially.

#### Le, Duc Minh, M.D., Lic. No. M8117, Cleveland

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Duc Minh Le, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: restricted from advertising stem cell therapies or providing

stem cell therapies in a non-IRB approved setting; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000; and within one year complete at least 32 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in complementary and alternative medicine. The Board found Dr. Le failed to document a thorough history and physical examination before treating one patient with trigger point stem cell injections, failed to document informed consent for the injection of the stem cells and advertised unfounded claims about the benefits of treatment without disclosure that the treatment is not FDA approved for back pain.

#### Redfield, James Earl, Jr. M.D., Lic. No. H2713, Nacogdoches

On October 13, 2023, the Board and James Earl Redfield, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms: shall not diagnose, treat or examine any patient in Texas, nor use his Texas license to practice medicine, including telemedicine; Dr. Redfield's license is suspended until he requests in writing and appears before the Board to provide evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence shall include, at minimum, completion of KSTAR assessment and adherence to all recommendations. Within 30 days Dr. Redfield shall schedule an assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants or advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Redfield failed to meet the standard of care when the patient was not properly prepped prior to going into surgery. Dr. Redfield failed to recognize he perforated the patient's bowel during the initial surgery and failed to timely perform appropriate post-operative interventions.

#### Wang, Fan, M.D., Lic. No. M2236, Houston

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Fan Wang, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Wang and requiring him to within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: 24 hours in high-risk obstetrics and four hours in documentation and medical records. The Board found Dr. Wang violated the standard of care for the three patients involved by failing to maintain adequate medical records; as well as failure to manage risk factors related to preeclampsia and cardiac disease in pregnancy. Dr. Wang was subjected to peer review disciplinary action related to his treatment and care of the three patients and voluntarily resigned his privileges. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCATION

Kaesler, Kelly, M.D., Lic. No. D5760, Houston On October 13, 2023, the Board and Kelly Kaesler, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which he agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board alleged that Dr. Kaesler is unable to safely practice medicine due to an impairment and that he terminated his practice without proper notification to one patient.

## Rosenfeld, Bernard Lloyd, M.D., Lic. No. F7687, Houston

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Bernard Lloyd Rosenfeld, M.D. entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Rosenfeld agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Rosenfeld is suffering from a mental and/or physical impairment that interferes with his ability to safely practice.

## REVOCATION

#### Beard, Marianne, D.O., Lic. No. H0168, Arlington

On December 8, 2023, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Marianne Beard, D.O., which revoked her medical license. On August 15, 2023, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging a violation of prior order. Dr. Beard failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Beard. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Beard's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Beard has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

#### Canchola, Daniel Ramiro, M.D., Lic. No. K7137, Flower Mound

On October 10, 2023, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Daniel Ramiro Canchola, M.D.'s Texas medical license after he was convicted of a felony related to health care fraud.

#### Coppedge, Woodrow William, M.D., Lic. No. L2853, Richmond

On October 13, 2023, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Woodrow William Coppedge, M.D., which re-

voked his medical license. On June 3, 2023, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct and impairment. Dr. Coppedge failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Coppedge. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Coppedge's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Coppedge has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Holmes, Michael Wesley, M.D., Lic. No. E7118, Beaumont On November 21, 2023, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Michael Wesley Holmes, M.D.'s Texas medical license after he was convicted of felony sexual assault, sentenced to a 180-day jail term and required to register as a sex offender.

#### Martinez, Jordan Michael, M.D., Lic. No. BP10075345, Arlington

On October 13, 2023, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Jordan Michael Martinez, M.D., which revoked his physician-in-training permit. On June 29, 2023, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging impairment. Dr. Martinez failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Martinez. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Martinez's permit was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Martinez has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

## Mella, Cesar Francisco, M.D., Lic. No. P7160,

On December 8, 2023, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Cesar Francisco Mella, M.D., which revoked his medical license. On June 8, 2022, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging a violation of prior order. Dr. Mella failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Mella. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Mella's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Mella has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

#### Nix, Darryl Dean, D.O., Lic. No. F9883, Dallas

On October 13, 2023, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Darryl Dean Nix, D.O., which revoked his medical license. On August 3, 2023, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging failure to meet the standard of care and unprofessional conduct. Dr. Nix failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Nix. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Nix's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Nix has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

#### NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Harris, Canaan Lavelle, M.D., Lic. No. G1424, Fort Worth On December 8, 2023, the Board and Canaan Lavelle Harris, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within seven days request modification of his DEA controlled substances registration certificate to eliminate Schedule II and III and shall not reregister or otherwise obtain registrations without prior authorization from the Board; have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete the physician prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Harris nontherapeutically prescribed to 15 patients, in the absence of a valid medical purpose, high volumes of controlled substances without individualized therapeutic regimen and the absence of other forms of treatment.

#### Khan, Zeeshan Mohammad, M.D., Lic. No. Q6639, Richmond

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Zeeshan Mohammad Khan, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in prescribing controlled substances, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Khan failed to meet the standard of care, keep adequate medical records, check the Prescription Monitoring Program, and failed to have controlled substances agreements regarding three patients.

#### Young, James Luke, M.D., Lic. No. J4629, Sugar Land

On December 8, 2023, the Board and James Luke Young, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Young and placing him under the following terms: within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervision and delegation, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in ethics; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Young inappropriately prescribed high volumes of controlled substances without individualized therapeutic regimens and in the absence of a valid medical purpose to fifteen patients at a pain management clinic.

#### PEER REVIEW ACTION

Kurdi, Juan, M.D. Lic. No. L4027, Lubbock

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Juan Kurdi, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Kurdi and placing him under the following terms: publicly referred to the Texas Physician Health Program; shall not possess, administer, distribute, or prescribe controlled substances in Texas; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer, or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential to himself or his immediate family; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and four hours in ethics; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Kurdi was suspended from practice following an investigation by Caprock into his diversion of controlled substances and writing false or fictitious prescriptions for controlled substances for his own personal use.

## **VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER**

**Eidman, Dan Kelly, M.D., Lic. No. E4316, Houston** On October 13, 2023, the Board and Dan Kelly Eidman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Modification Order which modified Dr. Kelly's June 2020 Order. The modification adds two additional consecutive chart monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Kelly failed to implement his chart monitor's recommendations. All other terms of the order remain in full effect. **Lopez, Jesus Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. L1649, San Antonio** On October 13, 2023, the Board and Jesus Antonio Lopez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 90 days complete the CME required by the December 2021 Order; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Lopez failed to complete the Medical Jurisprudence Exam within one year and failed to complete the required eight hours of CME on billing within the one-year deadline as required by his 2021 Order.

## OTHER STATES' ACTIONS

#### Alvarez, Sergio, M.D., Lic. No. N7206, Austin

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Sergio Alvarez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Alvarez and requiring him to within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$12,500. The Board found Dr. Alvarez was subject to disciplinary action by the Florida Board of Medicine based on Dr. Alvarez injecting fat into one patient's gluteal musculature that resulted in cardiac arrest and the death of that patient. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Cruz, Andrew Stephen, M.D., Lic. No. U0097, Boston, MA On December 8, 2023, the Board and Andrew Stephen

Cruz, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order prohibiting him from diagnosing, treating, or prescribing for patients in Texas or using his Texas license to practice in any jurisdiction until he requests in writing and appears before the Board to provide evidence that indicates he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice. The Board found Dr. Cruz had a disciplinary action entered in Arizona restricting him from practicing medicine.

Gucwa, Angela Leah, M.D., Lic. No. R2606, Lanham, MD

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Angela Leah Gucwa, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order prohibiting her from diagnosing, treating, or prescribing for patients in Texas or using her Texas license to practice in any jurisdiction until she requests in writing and appears before the Board to provide evidence that indicates she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice. The Board found Dr. Gucwa had a disciplinary action entered in Maryland immediately/temporarily suspending her license to practice medicine.

Hall, Gregory, M.D., Lic. No. S7883, Houston On October 13, 2023, the Board and Gregory Hall, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding him and requiring him to comply with all terms of the Final Decision Order entered on or around June 21, 2023 with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board. The Board found Dr. Hall was disciplined by the Wisconsin Board based on his failure to identify a Lisfranc injury, which delayed patient care.

#### Jaindl, Jeffrey, D.O., Lic. No. P2464, Eden Prairie, MN

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Jeffrey Jaindl, D.O., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Jaindl entered into a Consent Order with the Virginia Board of Medicine based on a failure to recognize an epidural abscess on a patient; which compressed the patient's spine, delayed patient care, and ultimately rendered the patient quadriplegic.

# Milyani, Wael Hisham, M.D., Lic. No. T1152, Las Vegas, NV

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Wael Hisham Milyani, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 and comply with all terms of the settlement agreement entered on or around September 15, 2023 with the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. The Board found Dr. Milyani had a non-disciplinary action entered in North Carolina based on his failure to conform to minimal standards of acceptable medical practice and had a disciplinary action entered in Nevada based on a violation of statute or rule of the board.

**Purdy, Laura, M.D., Lic. No. S8483, San Francisco, CA** On October 13, 2023, the Board and Laura Purdy, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring her to comply with all terms of the Corrected Determination and Order entered on or around May 18, 2023 with the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure. The Board found Dr. Purdy entered into the order with the Mississippi Board based on improper prescribing to patients without establishing a valid physician-patient relationship.

**Ray, Daniel Butler, M.D., Lic. No. Q6268, Grand Prairie** On October 13, 2023, the Board and Daniel Butler Ray, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding him and requiring him to comply with all terms of the Consent Agreement entered on or around April 3, 2023 with the State Medical Board of Ohio. The Board found Dr. Ray entered into a Consent Agreement with the Ohio Board based on prescribing to a patient without appropriate prescription monitoring and medical recordkeeping.

Zahoor, Talal, M.D., Lic. No. S8266, Houston

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Talal Zahoor, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from diagnosing, treating or prescribing for patients in Texas or using his Texas license to practice in any jurisdiction until he requests in writing and appears before the Board to provide evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; and shall comply with all terms of the requirements entered on or around June 23, 2022 with the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure. The Board found Dr. Zahoor entered into an order with the Oklahoma Board stating he engaged in pill mill activity, improper prescribing for family members, standard of care violations and improper prescribing to himself.

## TXPHP VIOLATION

#### Silva, Sergio, M.D., Lic. No. J8773, Houston

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Sergio Silva, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 30 days obtain a board certified psychiatrist and psychologist and follow recommended care and treatment; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than three times a week; and participate in the activities of Caduceus no less than three times a month. The Board found Dr. Silva has been non-compliant with the terms of his agreement with the Texas Physician Health Program.

## CEASE & DESISTS

#### Barney, Javier Malcolm, No License, Edinburg

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Javier Malcolm Barney entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Barney while working at Doctors Hospital Renaissance, held himself out as a physician by wearing a stethoscope around his neck and wearing scrubs with embroidered stitching stating "Javier Malcolm Barney, M.D." on them.

#### Brea, Helena, No License, Frisco

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Helena Brea entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Brea asserted that she is certified as a "Medical Aesthetics Physician, M.A.P." and ordered lab tests and treated multiple patients.

#### Canion, Phylis, No License, Cuero

On December 8, 2023, the Board and Phylis Canion entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Canion identified herself in a YouTube series, and online materials as "Dr. Canion" without specifying she is not a medical doctor.

#### Dimas, Christine, No License, San Antonio

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Christine Dimas entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Dimas treated two patients for injection fillers without she and the medical director meeting rule requirements as detailed in Rule 193.17.

#### Forsberg, Dianna M., No License, Dallas

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Dianna M. Forsberg entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Forsberg, on her med spa website, identified herself as "Dr." where she is also pictured wearing scrubs with "Dr." followed by her name embroidered on her top. Ms. Forsberg's website does not include any health professional, such as a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

#### Fuentes, Rosa A., M.D., No License, San Antonio

On November 2, 2023, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding Rosa A. Fuentes, M.D., prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a licensed issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found the respondent continues treating patients at Texas Low T Wellness & Weight Loss Clinic even though she no longer has a license to practice in Texas.

## Higgins, Evelyn, No License, Jupiter, FL

On October 13, 2023, the Board and Evelyn Higgins entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Higgins used the title doctor without showing any authority to use the title and engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine by treating one patient for a mental/physical illness.

## Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

#### Kelly, Alexandra, P.A., Lic. No. PA12908, Chevy Chase, MD

On November 3, 2023, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Alexandra Kelly, P.A., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding her and requiring her to within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Ms. Kelly entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland Board of Physicians based on performing delegated medical acts without the supervision of a physician.

#### Knussman, Jessica, P.A., Lic. No. PA09885, Denton

On November 3, 2023, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Jessica Knussman, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Ms. Knussman and revoking her license; however, the revocation is stayed and she is placed on probation under the following terms: within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in controlled substance prescribing, four hours in drug seeking behavior, four hours in risk management and four hours in chronic pain; within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000; and shall comply with all terms of the plea agreement with the federal government in case number 4:23-CR-00015-SDJ in the Sherman Division of the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas. The Board found Ms. Knussman pled guilty to a felony count for conspiracy to distribute and dispense a controlled substance.

# Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Disciplinary Actions

**Gomez, Derek, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00026781, Cedar Park** On October 19, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate of Derek Gomez, MRT, after determining his continuation in the practice of medical radiologic technology poses a continuing threat to public welfare. Mr. Gomez's certificate is suspended; however, the suspension is stayed and he is placed under the following terms: shall not practice under his certificate until he has signed up with the Board's drug testing program and has begun drug and alcohol testing. The Board panel found that Mr. Gomez has been non-complaint with his Texas Physician Health Program monitoring and assistance agreement and

withdrew from the program. The Order of Temporary Restriction remains in effect until superseded by subsequent order of the Board.

## Greene, Warren, MRT, Lic. No. GMR02009715, Fort Worth

On November 14, 2023, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate of Warren Greene, MRT, after determining his continuation in the practice of medical radiologic technology poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Greene suffered from an impairment that interfered with his ability to practice safely. Mr. Greene was removed from staffing and administered a drug and alcohol test which tested positive for alcohol and he was subsequently terminated from employment. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Greene, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Greene. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

# **Texas Board of Respiratory Care Disciplinary Actions**

## Georges, Benney, RCP, No License, Conroe

On October 26, 2023, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Respiratory Care entered a Cease and Desist Order regarding Benney Georges, RCP, prohibiting him from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed respiratory care practitioner in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Georges falsified certifications in order to obtain employment after he was notified by the Board he was ineligible for a Texas respiratory care certificate based on his failure to obtain NBRC certification.

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## **Physician Licenses**

#### The Texas Medical Board issued 898 physician licenses between October 3, 2023 and December 4, 2023. Congratulations to the following:

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