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Medical Board Suspends License of Michael Dean Smith, M.D., of Houston

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the license of Michael Dean Smith., license #F4545, of Houston, after a hearing in which the panel determined Dr. Smith had violated previous orders.

The action was based on Dr. Smith's positive drug screen for marijuana (cannabinoid) metabolites on March 10, in violation of his October 7, 2005, Agreed Order, which required Dr. Smith to abstain from the consumption of alcohol, dangerous drugs or controlled substances in any form and required him to undergo random drug and alcohol testing.

The hearing took place April 18 and the suspension was effective immediately. The length of a suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.

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The Texas Medical Board, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, has strengthened and accelerated the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Information on filing a complaint is on the agency web site at www.tmb.state.tx.us/consumers/complain/complain.php or by calling (800) 201-9353. See the home page at www.tmb.state.tx.us