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Medical Board Suspends License of Alonzo Peters III, M.D., of Houston.

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners on Friday suspended the license of Alonzo Peters III, M.D., license number F5696, after determining that Dr. Peters' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

Dr. Peters signed an Agreed Order on October 24, 2003, requiring him to limit his prescribing of Schedule III drugs for treatment of pain to isolated, emergent or episodic basis only, and if he did so he was to maintain a log of such prescribing. The Board's compliance officer found that he was in violation of the order, and pharmacy records from the Drug Enforcement Administration showed an ongoing pattern of nontherapeutic prescribing. Evidence showed that Dr. Peters routinely prescribed hydrocodone in amounts of 100 tablets with multiple refills. Dr. Peters also failed to complete a fellowship in pain management as required by the 2003 order.

The suspension is effective immediately. The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and remains in effect until the board takes further action.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, 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 Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior.

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