

1998 Press Releases

December 28, 1998

Nine Doctors Disciplined

During its December 10-12 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined nine licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: one revocation; six suspensions, of which one was stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; one restriction with various terms and conditions; two public reprimands; and two administrative penalties totaling \$12,000 were assessed. The Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners, at its October 30 meeting, restricted the licenses of two physician assistants under various terms and conditions.

Statement on Continuing Medical Education Advertising

In light of recent advertising practices used by some sponsors of continuing medical education activities, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners issues the following statement regarding proper advertising in this area:

Advertising for continuing medical education (CME) activities should in no way imply endorsement by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. Advertisers should not use wording that would mislead the public or physician population into believing that the CME activity is sponsored or approved by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. The following is wording that is used by the Texas Medical Association and is an example of acceptable advertising, particularly for ethics/professional responsibility courses: "This course has been designated by the Texas Medical Association for one hour of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility."

Board Adopts New Rules

The Board adopted the following proposed rules that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 197, Emergency Medical Service, repeal of sections 197.2-197.5 and new sections 197.2-197.5, that will update rules to current practices. For copies of these rules, write to the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin TX 78768-2018, or e-mail pat.wood@tmb.state.tx.us.

Proposed Rules

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 162, Supervision of Medical Students, change certain registration requirements; Chapter 163, Licensure, amend 163.1(8)(H) to include certain exam combinations; Chapter 166, Physician Registration, rule review and changes regarding CME requirements. For copies of these rules, write to the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin TX 78768-2018, or e-mail pat.wood@tmb.state.tx.us.

Proposed Rules Withdrawn

Chapter 171, Institutional Permits, new sections 171.1-171.6, outlining the requirements for postgraduate training permits, and repealing sections 171.1-171.9, were withdrawn. Chapters 175 and 173, repeal of both chapters and incorporate updated text into new Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties and Applications, outlining fees, penalties, and applications, were also withdrawn.

Disciplinary actions

Brown, Barry M., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #D6234

An order was entered 12-4-98 suspending the physician's license due to violation of probation.

Bryant, Mary M., M.D., Puyallup, WA, Lic. #H6786

A Proposal for Decision was heard concerning Dr. Mary M. Bryant on 12-10-98. The physician's license was revoked. Action due to intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, unprofessional conduct, impairment due to illness or chemical abuse, practice inconsistent with public health and welfare, and disciplinary action by another state. Action will not be final until all appeals have been exhausted.

Cannon, Carrie S., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #H7277

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 11-10-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Carrie S. Cannon's license due to evidence and information that her continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Medical Practice Act.

Goswami, Anilkumar P., M.D., Odessa, TX, Lic. #E7095

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 12-4-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Anilkumar P. Goswami's license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act.

Hampton, Raymond M., M.D., Pampa, TX, Lic. #B9647

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-12-98 publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000. Action due to practice inconsistent with public health and welfare.

McElroy, Delmer G., M.D., New Caney, TX, Lic. #C5792

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-12-98 restricting his license under certain terms and conditions. Action due to unprofessional conduct and prescribing or dispensing to habitual user.

Rhodes, Thomas P., M.D., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic. #G0007

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 12-4-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Thomas P. Rhodes' license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act.

Santibanez, Alfredo L., M.D., Houston, TX, Lic. #E8234

An Agreed Order was entered on 12-12-98 suspending his license; however, the suspension was stayed and he was placed on probation for five years under various restrictive terms and conditions. Dr. Santibanez was also publicly reprimanded and assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000. Action due to unprofessional conduct, violation of laws connected with the practice of medicine, violation of Board rules, and practice inconsistent with public health and welfare.

Thomas, Stephen C., M.D., Lubbock, TX, Lic. #J5036

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 11-10-98 temporarily suspending Dr. Stephen C. Thomas' license due to evidence and information that his continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the Administrative Procedure Act and Medical Practice Act.

Physician Assistants

Hilsmeier, Kimberly, Conroe, TX, Lic. #PA01468

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-30-98 restricting physician assistant's license under terms and conditions for three years. Action due to unprofessional conduct, professional failure to practice in acceptable manner, nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment, and disciplinary action by peers.

Teegarden, Dennis D., Coleman, TX, Lic. #PA00893

An Agreed Order was entered on 10-30-98 restricting physician assistant's license under terms and conditions. Action due to professional failure to practice in acceptable manner and nontherapeutic prescribing or treatment.

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