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Medical Board Suspends License of Douglas Wayne Wheeler, M.D., of Orange

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the license of Douglas Wayne Wheeler, M.D., license #F8731, of Orange. The action took place today in a Probationer Show Compliance Proceeding in which the board panel found that Dr. Wheeler was in violation of the provisions of a 2005 order that authorized the immediate suspension of his license for failure to comply with the order.

The action was based on findings that Dr. Wheeler failed to comply with an earlier order in which he was ordered to make monthly payments toward an administrative penalty and to perform 100 hours of community service. In addition, Dr. Wheeler failed to notify the board that he had returned to Texas from Louisiana and resumed medical practice. He also failed to have his practice monitored as required by the 2005 order. The action was also based on Dr. Wheeler's inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of a medical condition.

The order is effective immediately. The suspension remains in effect until such time as Dr. Wheeler requests that it be stayed or lifted and appears before the board and provides clear and convincing evidence that he is in compliance with all terms of his previous agreed order and provides evidence that he is physically, mentally and otherwise competent to safely practice. The order remains in effect until it is superseded by another order of the board.

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, is strengthening and accelerating 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