

## 2005 Press Releases

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### **TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD FEATURES NEW NAME, NEW LOOK**

Its now easier than ever for Texans to learn more about their physicians or to file complaints with the state. The Texas Medical Board, formerly the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, has unveiled its new name and a new look.

Thanks to the Legislature, through the agencys Sunset bill, our name more clearly reflects our mission, which is to protect the publics health, safety and welfare by regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas, said Executive Director Donald Patrick, M.D., J.D.

The agencys redesigned Web site, [www.tmb.state.tx.us](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us), makes it easier for individuals to access the public profiles of Texas physicians, acupuncturists and physician assistants. Consumers can also file complaints against licensed practitioners. The agency investigates complaints and administers disciplinary actions when warranted. Actions can range from public reprimands and administrative penalties, restrictions on licenses, up to suspension or revocation of licenses.

Healthcare professionals can find information on the TMB web site regarding licensure requirements, as well access as on-line applications for licensure. Licensed professionals can renew their licenses on line.

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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, 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](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us) or by calling (800) 201-9353.

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