

## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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### **TMB restricts Arlington physician**

On June 3, 2015, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Donald William Ferguson, II, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately.

The restriction limits Dr. Ferguson to the practice of Administrative Medicine as defined in Board rules. Dr. Ferguson shall not engage in the clinical practice of medicine or in any capacity that involves direct or indirect patient contact. The "clinical practice of medicine" is defined as the diagnosis, offer of treatment, treatment of a mental or physical disease or deformity or injury by any system or method, or attempt to effect cures of those conditions. Additionally, Dr. Ferguson shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant that is engaged in the practice of clinical medicine.

The Board panel found that there were unresolved issues relating to Methamphetamine use. Dr. Ferguson failed to clear these allegations with the Board and failed to properly address the inquiries/allegations posed by the Medical Center of Arlington.

Dr. Ferguson signed an Interim Agreement (IA) on February 19, 2015 and refused to provide hair samples for drug screening on two separate occasions when requested to do so under the IA. Dr. Ferguson admitted to violating the IA, including the requirement that he abstain from the use of alcohol.

Based on these findings, the Board panel finds an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires immediate effect of an Order of Temporary Restriction.

The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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