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Medical Board Suspends License of Wylie Physician

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners suspended the license of Terrill Trimble Jr., M.D., of Wylie (license number C2008) after a temporary suspension hearing held on Friday, April 11.

The action was taken under the Board's authority to temporarily suspend a physician's license when it determines the physician's continuation in practice is a threat to the public welfare. The action against Dr. Trimble, a family practitioner, was taken based on allegations relating to nontherapeutic prescribing to numerous patients, failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and safety, prescribing to persons known to be habitual users of alcohol and/or drugs, unprofessional conduct, and inappropriate prescribing to family members.

The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite and the order 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., is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. The agency is seeking new legislation to expand current statutory authority to better fulfill its mission to ensure only competent licensees are providing medical care.

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