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## Medical Board Suspends License of Odette Louise Campbell, M.D., of Denton, and Jeffrey Earl Lewis, M.D., of Fairfield IA

On Wednesday, August 19, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board entered an Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing) against the medical license of Odette Louise Campbell, M.D., License #H9609, after concluding that Dr. Campbell's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare. The temporary suspension remains in effect until the board takes further action.

The board's action was based on evidence that Dr. Campbell's Drug Enforcement Administration prescribing authority was suspended based on a DEA finding that she was an imminent danger to the public. Further, on the date Dr. Campbell was notified of the DEA suspension, she authorized another physician, her former spouse, to prescribe controlled substances to her patients. Also, on the same date, after Dr. Campbell received notice from one or more pharmacies that her former spouse's DEA prescribing authority was expired, she continued to authorize his prescribing of controlled substances to her patients. Two days later, Dr. Campbell and her former spouse were arrested and charged with one or more felony counts related to prescribing controlled substances in violation of the law.

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On Wednesday, August 19, a Disciplinary Panel of the Board entered an Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing) against the medical license of Jeffrey Earl Lewis, M.D., License #F8555, after concluding that Dr. Lewis' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare. The temporary suspension remains in effect until the board takes further action.

The action was based on evidence that Dr. Lewis had agreed to assist his former spouse, also a physician, to circumvent her Drug Enforcement Administration suspension by prescribing controlled substances for her patients. On the day his former spouse was notified of her DEA suspension, Dr. Lewis wrote several prescriptions for her patients for controlled substances on prescription forms from his former, now closed, practice, and used a handwritten, expired, DEA authorization number. In addition Dr. Lewis wrote the prescriptions with knowledge that both his federal (DEA) and state (Texas Department of Public Safety) authorizations were expired. In the case of at least one of his former spouse's patients, Dr. Lewis wrote a prescription for a controlled substance without having examined or seen the patient. Two days later, Dr. Lewis and his former spouse were arrested and charged with one or more felony counts related to prescribing controlled substances in violation of the law.