

## 2004 Press Releases

**Tuesday, July 13 , 2004**

### **Medical Board Panel Upholds License Suspension of Donald D. Hughes, M.D.**

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners today upheld the board's May 13 action in which it temporarily suspended the license of Donald D. Hughes, M.D., License #E8575, after determining that Dr. Hughes' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

Because the May 13 hearing was held without notice under the provisions of S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, Dr. Hughes was given notice and an opportunity to appear at today's hearing. Dr. Hughes attended the hearing, accompanied by counsel.

Dr. Hughes, 53, is a child psychiatrist in Arlington. The suspension was based on allegations that included sexual misconduct with adolescent patients. The panel's determination was made after review of written statements from victims and their family members, police reports, hospital reports, and documentation and reports made to various Texas regulatory agencies. Dr. Hughes was arrested on May 27 for indecency with a child.

The action taken today supersedes the May 13 order and remains in effect indefinitely.

*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., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. .*

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