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TMB suspends Houston physician

On July 28, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Gazelle Craig, D.O., after determining her continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that on July 6, 2017, Dr. Craig was indicted in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas Houston Division. The indictment alleges that Dr. Craig conspired to unlawfully distribute and dispense controlled substances, and aided and abetted unlawful distributing and dispensing of controlled substances.

Dr. Craig signed an Order Setting Conditions of Release on July 10, 2017. The order restricts her from employment in a pain management clinic and from writing prescriptions for certain controlled substances.

Dr. Craig's Texas Prescription Monitoring Program Prescriber Activity Report drawn from April 26, 2016 through July 26, 2017 shows that among other controlled substances, she issued over 10,300 prescriptions for Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen 10/325mg and over 10,400 prescriptions for Carisoprodol 350mg. The prescriber report also shows that since Dr. Craig's release on July 10, 2017, four prescriptions for Carisoprodol, four prescriptions for Alprazolam, and 21 prescriptions for Promethazine/Codeine syrup were issued under her DEA number.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Craig, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Craig.

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

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