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Message from the TMB President

State and National Focus on Combatting the Current Opioid Epidemic



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This past year has been remarkable in the level of response to the opioid abuse epidemic. In 2017, there was a federal declaration of the opioid crisis as a public health emergency, enhanced focus on the issue by the Texas legislature, and an increasing number of counties filing lawsuits

against pharmaceutical companies and distributors.

The Texas Medical Board has been impacted by several recent changes to state laws addressing opioid abuse, including changes resulting from the legislative Sunset Review process. These are summarized below and the board will provide updates on these issues in future publications.

I also want to take this opportunity to clarify the board's regulatory oversight as well as assure practitioners that, even with increased restrictions to opioid prescribing, physicians continue to have the ability to treat legitimate chronic pain under longstanding state law and board rules.

Regulating Pain Management Clinics

Since the 2009 enactment of legislation requiring Pain Management Clinic registration to address alarming numbers of opioid overdoses in Texas, the board has regularly assessed its enforcement of pain management regulations, including inspections, to ensure an appropriate level of regulation that does not unduly hinder legitimate practice.

The Texas legislature, acting on recommendations from the Sunset Commission to further address the current public health crisis, clarified the board's ability to inspect potential unregistered clinics with the passage of [Senate Bill 315](#) last May.

Corresponding changes to [Board Rule 195](#) were adopted at the board's December 2017 meeting and the board will continue to work with stakeholders to address remaining concerns about potential unintended consequences. The board is always mindful of the balance needed to protect the public with practical regulations that address bad actors with minimal impact to the vast majority of practitioners who are safely practicing medicine.

The Rule 195 changes were initially published in the Nov. 3 edition of the *Texas Register* and with the December adoption will become effective by the end of January 2018.

It's important to note that if a practice is not issuing prescriptions to a majority of its patients (over 50 percent) on a monthly basis specifically for opioids, benzodiazep-

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piners, barbiturates, or carisoprodol, they would not be required to register as a Pain Management Clinic under Rule 195. There are also several practice settings exceptions to registering as delineated under Rule [195.4\(b\)](#). The most common clinics exempt from registering are those where the physician is personally administering another treatment modality, even if the controlled substances earlier noted are given to a majority of patients, such as a surgery clinic giving prescriptions for post-operative pain.

Regardless of whether or not registration is required, [Board Rule 170](#) must still be followed whenever physicians are treating patients for chronic pain to ensure drugs are used in a therapeutic manner and that the treatment is monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Treating Chronic Pain

The treatment of chronic pain is an important and legitimate part of medicine as well as one of the most difficult conditions to treat. Board Rule 170 based on the ***Texas Intractable Pain Treatment Act*** passed in 2003, provides physicians the ability to treat chronic pain following evidence-based criteria. The rule sets forth minimum requirements related to the proper treatment of pain and the board's intent has always been to protect the public and provide guidance to physicians. As previously mentioned, those physicians whose practices are focused on chronic pain treatment and provide prescriptions for controlled substances to a majority of their patients must also adhere to Board Rule 195 regarding Pain Management Clinics.

Prescription Monitoring Program

Another focus of the Sunset Commission and Texas legislature in 2017 was the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) maintained by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

Several new requirements were enacted in [House Bill](#)

[2561](#). Effective September 1, 2017, Texas-licensed pharmacies are required to report all dispensed controlled substances records to the Texas PMP no later than the next business day after the prescription is completely filled. While access to the prescription data is statutorily restricted, the information is available to practitioners and pharmacies inquiring about their own prescribing or dispensing history on their patients. State regulatory boards, including TMB, have access as well.

House Bill 2561 also requires a joint House and Senate interim committee to study PMP monitoring and submit a report by Jan. 1, 2019. Pending any changes from the committee in the next legislative session, beginning Sept. 1, 2019, all relevant licensees will be required to check a patient's history before prescribing or dispensing four categories of drugs - opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodol. The bill provides exceptions for cancer patients and those in hospice care.

Additionally, the bill requires periodic monitoring of licensees' prescribing information to identify potentially harmful prescribing practices. The Chapter 195 rules relating to pain management clinic inspections, along with periodic PMP reports, will continue to be utilized by the board to monitor prescribing practices of providers. It is likely there will be on-going updates and revisions to rules and guidelines based on legislative changes in 2019, as well as regulatory findings and enforcement actions.

Prescribing Opioid Antagonists

In October, the board received an [opinion](#) from the Texas Attorney General clarifying opioid antagonist prescribing to law enforcement agencies under new laws ([SB 584](#) and [SB 315](#)) passed in 2017. The Attorney General confirmed that under Section 483.102 of the Health and Safety Code, a prescriber is authorized to directly, or by standing order, prescribe an opioid antagonist to law en-

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forcement agencies in a position to assist persons experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

The legislation requires the board to adopt guidelines for prescribing opioid antagonists which must address prescribing to a patient to whom an opioid medication is also prescribed and identifying patients at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose. The board's corresponding proposed rule language (Board Rule 170, Subchapter B) will be published in the [Texas Register](#) in mid-January and a link will be provided on the [board's website](#) at

that time. The rules will be eligible for adoption at the board's March 2018 meeting.

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Texas Medical Board President

Use of Chaperones During Physical Examinations

When patients are seen during office visits, often they are very ill, experiencing debilitating symptoms, and are feeling their most vulnerable. There are some basic things physicians can do to make patients feel comfortable during their visit to ensure they are receiving quality care.

Though not a requirement, as a matter of prudence, the use of a chaperone – or at least the offer of one – during physical examinations is an ethical guideline supported by many physician organizations, chiefly the [American Medical Association](#).

General consensus is that physicians should develop a policy in their practice that considers the comfort of the patient while maintaining their dignity, confidentiality and privacy. The AMA suggests the policy may include providing gowns and use of draping, and giving an explanation of the components and scope prior to conducting the exam.

Further, the AMA medical ethics state a physician's policy should ensure that the option to request a chaperone is communicated to patients and that the patient's request for a chaperone is always honored.

AMA suggests having an authorized member of the health care team to serve as a chaperone who will up-

hold professional standards regarding privacy and confidentiality. An opportunity for private conversation with the patient should be provided without the chaperone present and physicians should minimize history taking and sensitive inquires while the chaperone is present for the exam.

It is also recommended that the medical record should reflect the use of the chaperone, if the patient declined a chaperone, or reason why one was not available at the time of the exam.

These general guidelines regarding the use of a chaperone during physical exams may also vary depending on specialty like pediatrics, which has additional recommendations to consider.

For more information on the topic, visit the following links:

- **AMA Code of Medical Ethics -**
<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/use-chaperones>
- **American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement -**
<https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/Pediatric-Patients-and-Chaperones-in-the-Exam-Room.aspx>

Duty to Report Impairment

Physicians have not only a moral obligation, but also a legal obligation to report colleagues who they believe are impaired. The duty to report impairment to the Medical Board is required by the Medical Practice Act. This applies to any physician, medical student, resident or medical peer review committee.

Under Chapter 160, specifically [Sec. 160.004 Report Regarding Certain Impaired Physicians](#), a person or committee, as defined in the section, “may report to the board or to a health care entity in which an affected physician has clinical privileges the name of the impaired physician together with pertinent information related to that impairment;” and the person or committee “shall report to the board and any known health care entity in which the physician has clinical privileges if the person or committee determines that, through the practice of medicine, the physician poses a continuing threat to the public welfare.”

A report made under this subchapter is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, the Texas Public Information Act.

The Medical Practice Act also provides immunity from civil liability to those who make reports under this chapter. The following are immune from civil liability: (1) a person who, in good faith, reports or furnishes information to a medical peer review committee or the board; (2) a member, employee, or agent of the board, a medical peer review committee, or a medical organization committee, or a medical organization district or local intervenor, who takes an action or makes a recommendation within the scope of the functions of the board, committee, or intervenor program, if that member, employee, agent, or intervenor acts without malice and in the reasonable belief that the action or recommendation is warranted by the facts known to that person; and (3) a member or employee of the board or any person who assists the board in carrying out its duties or functions provided by law.

Rehabilitation

It is important to note that reporting, and self-reporting, of impairment does not automatically result in discipline against a physician. The Board utilizes a program that focuses on rehabilitation rather than discipline. If a physician voluntarily self-reports to the Board a substance use disorder/impairment issue, and does not have a previous related disciplinary action, the Board has discretion to refer the physician through a confidential referral to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP), which also provides the physicians with the option of referring themselves or an impaired colleague to a third party. One of the advantages of the program is if a potential impairment issue comes to the attention of the Board before any patient safety violations occur, the Board can refer the licensee to TXPHP without issuing a disciplinary order. This allows for the licensee to receive treatment and monitoring while ensuring public protection. Only if the terms of the agreement made with TXPHP are violated, is the individual reported to the Board to evaluate whether discipline may be necessary. The Board also maintains its ability to temporarily remove a physician from practice who is a continuing threat through its emergency suspension/restriction process.

Texas Physician Health Program

Since 2010, the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) has served as a valuable resource for the rehabilitation of health professionals in the state.

TXPHP accepts self-referrals as well as referrals from the Texas Medical Board, concerned colleagues, hospitals and others. The program is overseen by experts in mental health and substance abuse issues. A monitoring program may include random drug screens; written reports from counselors or therapists; self-reports provided by the licensee in recovery; and written verification of attendance at self-help or support group meetings. Indi-

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viduals are not eligible to participate in the program if they have violated the standard of care as a result of drugs or alcohol, committed a boundary violation with a patient or patient's family or been convicted of a felony.

TXPHP is administratively attached to the Texas Medical Board, but overseen by its own governing board.

For more information on TXPHP, visit: <http://www.txphp.state.tx.us/index.html>

Board Rules

The following rules were adopted since the publication of the previous bulletin. After publication in the TX Register, the rules with effective date will be posted on the TMB website: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules>.

For full rule text in the Texas Administrative Code, visit: [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.viewtac)

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CHAPTER 163. LICENSURE

The amendments to **§§163.2, 163.4, 163.6, 163.13**, and the repeal of **§163.7**, concerning Licensure.

The amendment to **§163.2**, concerning Full Texas Medical License, deletes language under subsection (d)(5)(A) setting forth requirements related to §163.7 of this title (relating to the Ten Year Rule). The amendments reflect the repeal of §163.7 of this title.

The amendment to **§163.4**, concerning Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, deletes language under subsection (d)(5)(D) related to §163.7 of this title. The amendments reflect the repeal of §163.7 of this title.

The amendment to **§163.6**, concerning Examinations Accepted for Licensure, deletes language under subsection (e)(1), requiring that an applicant pass the jurisprudence examination within three attempts. The changes are made pursuant to Senate Bill 674 (85th Legislature, Regular Session).

The repeal of **§163.7**, concerning Ten Year Rule, repeals requirements that an applicant have passed an examination listed in §163.6(a) of this title (relating to Examinations Accepted for Licensure) for licensure within the ten-year period prior to the filing date of the application. The amendments remove an unnecessary impediment to licensure for physicians who have maintained competency through the active practice of medicine, and otherwise meet all general eligibility requirements.

The amendment to **§163.13**, concerning Expedited Licensure Process, adds a new subsection (b), creating an expedited licensing process for out-of-state psychiatrists. The new language is in accordance with Senate Bill 674, 85th Legislative

Regular Session, which requires the Board to create an expedited licensing process for applicants who hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine issued in another state, are board certified in psychiatry, and meet other general eligibility requirements.

CHAPTER 171. POST GRADUATE TRAINING PERMITS

The amendment to **§171.3**, concerning Physician-in-Training Permits, adds language to subsection (d)(2)(C), clarifying that a physician-in-training permit shall expire not only upon the date the permit holder obtains full licensure, but temporary or limited licensure as well. The purpose of the amendment is to align the language of §171.3 with §163.9 of this title (relating to Only One License), which provides that a person may not have more than one license or permit at the same time, and that upon the issuance of any license or permit, all previously issued licenses and permits, including postgraduate training permits, shall be considered to be terminated.

CHAPTER 172. TEMPORARY AND LIMITED LICENSES

The amendments to **§172.4**, concerning State Health Agency Temporary License and **§172.8**, concerning Faculty Temporary License.

The amendments to **§172.4**, deletes language under paragraphs (1)(C) and (2)(A) referencing §163.7 of this title (relating to the Ten Year Rule). The amendments reflect the repeal of §163.7 of this title.

The amendments to **§172.8**, deletes language under subsection (a)(2), requiring that an applicant pass the jurisprudence examination within three attempts. The changes are made pursuant to Senate Bill 674 (85th Legislature, Regular Session). Further amendments to subsection (k), delete language referencing §163.7 of this title. The amendments reflect the repeal of §163.7.

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CHAPTER 174. TELEMEDICINE

The amendments to **§§174.1 - 174.3, 174.5 - 174.9** and new **§174.4**, concerning Mental Health Services and the repeal of **§§174.10 - 174.12**, concerning Telemedicine.

The title of Chapter 174 is renamed to "Telemedicine and Mental Health Services" and creates a new Subchapter A, "Telemedicine" and a new Subchapter B, "Mental Health Services".

The amendments to **§174.1**, concerning Purpose, add language that the purpose of the telemedicine rules is to clarify the requirements of Chapter 111 of the Texas Occupations code related to the provision of telemedicine health services.

The amendments to **§174.2**, concerning Definitions, delete multiple definitions dealing with telemedicine while adding new definitions of "Prescription," "Store and forward technology," "Telehealth services," "Telemedicine medical services," and "Ultimate user" to comport with the new definitions in Senate Bill 1107 dealing with telemedicine and telehealth services.

The amendments to **§174.3**, concerning Prevention of Fraud and Abuse, delete the current detailed requirements for protocols to prevent fraud and abuse through the use of telemedicine services, and substitute a requirement that a consistent physician's protocols to prevent fraud and abuse must be consistent standard established by the Health and Human Services Commission pursuant to §531.02161 of the Government Code.

New **§174.4**, concerning Notice to Patients, adds language requiring physicians communicating with patients by electronic communications other than telephone or facsimile to provide patients with written or electronic notification of the physician's privacy practices prior to providing telemedicine services. The amendment further requires that the notices of privacy practice be consistent with federal standards under 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164. Additionally, the amendments require physicians providing telemedicine medical services to provide patients with notice of how to file a complaint with the Board.

The amendments to **§174.5**, concerning Issuance of Prescriptions, sets out requirements for valid prescriptions issued as a result of a telemedicine medical service and limits the treatment of chronic pain through telemedicine medical services.

The amendments to **§174.6**, concerning Minimum Standards for the Provision of Telemedicine Medical Services, delete multiple requirements for providing telemedicine services and substitute simplified minimum requirements for providing a health care service or procedure as a telemedicine medical service that comport with Senate Bill 1107.

The amendments to **§174.7**, concerning Enforcement Authority rename the section and delete language related to providing telemedicine services under the Board's former definitions and requirements. The amendments clarify the Board's enforcement authority to investigation and discipline physicians for violations of statutes and rules to telemedicine services.

The amendments to **§174.8**, concerning State Licensure, rename the section, delete language related to evaluation and treatment of the patient superseded by SB 1107, and add language clarifying that physicians providing telemedicine services must possess a full Texas Medical license when treating residents of Texas.

The amendments to **§174.9**, concerning Provision of Mental Health Services, delete former rules regarding the provision of mental health care through telemedicine services and substitute simplified requirements for providing mental health services. These requirements include: a requirement of licensure or certification; establishment of a provider/patient relationship; and a requirement to conform with the standard of care. The amendments make clear that technology may be used to provide mental health services to patients in a different location from the licensed or certified provider. The amendments also make clear that the Board may investigate and discipline, or appropriately refer provider to proper regulatory authority, for violations of rules related to the provision of mental health services.

The repeal of **§174.10**, concerning Medical Records for Telemedicine Medical Services, **§174.11**, concerning On Call Services, and **§174.12**, concerning State Licensure. The repeals are necessary to ensure that the Board rules comport with SB 1107 and are not duplicative of other Board rules related to the provision of telemedicine and telemedicine services.

CHAPTER 175. FEES AND PENALTIES

The amendments to **§175.1**, concerning Application and Administrative Fees; and **§175.2**, concerning Registration and Renewal Fees.

The amendment to **§175.1** deletes language tying fee calculation for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP) to Article IX, §18.55 of House Bill 1, 84th Legislature, and adds language requiring fee calculation to be made in accordance with the Texas General Appropriations Act. The amendment will increase flexibility under the rules for any future PMP fee changes necessitated by amendments made to the Medical Board's cost allocation for PMP administration through the General Appropriations Act.

The amendment to **§175.2** deletes language tying fee calculation for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to Article IX, §18.55 of House Bill 1, 84th Legislature, and adds language

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requiring fee calculation to be in accordance with the Texas General Appropriations Act. The amendment will increase flexibility under the rules for any future PMP fee changes necessitated by amendments made to the Medical Board's cost allocation for PMP administration through the General Appropriations Act.

CHAPTER 178. COMPLAINTS

The amendments to **§178.3**, concerning Complaint Procedure Notification.

The amendment to **§178.3** deletes the word "Procedure" from the title, deletes language related to the type size of printed copies of the board approved notification statement regarding complaints on billing statements and written contracts for services. The amendment adds language setting allowing telemedicine providers to provide the Board approved complaint notification statement through: a prominently displayed link on a website, in a provider app; by recording, or in a bill for services.

CHAPTER 187. PROCEDURAL RULES

The amendments to **§187.16**, concerning Informal Show Compliance Proceedings (ISCs), **§187.18**, concerning Informal Show Compliance Proceeding and Settlement Conference Based on Personal Appearance, and **§187.83**, concerning Proceedings for Cease and Desist Orders.

The amendments to **§187.16** set out a finding that the statutory minimum requirements related to the Informal Show Compliance Proceedings (ISCs), as set out in the Texas Occupations Code, §164. et.seq., are comprehensive and complete. The amendments state that rules related to ISC proceedings will be promulgated only as necessary to be consistent with statutory requirements. The amendment deletes provisions duplicative of §164 of the Texas Occupations Code and deletes an incorrect reference to providing 30 rather than 45 days notice prior to an ISC. The amendments also changes the title of rule 187.16 to read "Informal Show Compliance (ISC) Information and Notices," as this title is more descriptive of the contents of the rule and abbreviated the references to "informal meetings" and "Informal Show Compliance Proceedings" to "ISC."

The amendment to **§187.18**, deletes ISC requirements duplicative of those set out in §164.003 and §164.0031 of the Occupations Code and clarify the procedures for conducting an ISC. The amendment also changes the title of section 187.18 to read "ISC Scheduling, Process and Procedures," as this is more descriptive of the contents of the rule and adopted a change to the preamble of subsection (d) to read "ISCs shall be conducted in accordance with §164.003 and §164.0032 of the Act. In addition to ISC requirements under these laws, the board representative may also...."

The amendment to **§187.83**, corrects a typographical error in a

citation to Texas Occupations Code §164.052.

CHAPTER 190. DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

The amendments to **§190.8(1)(L)**, concerning Violation Guidelines.

The amendment deletes language and requirements related to establishing a defined physician-patient relationship before prescribing any dangerous drug or controlled substance, and substitutes language requiring establishing a valid practitioner-patient relationship, a term defined by SB 1107 in amended Texas Occupations Code §111.005.

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CHAPTER 160. MEDICAL PHYSICISTS

The amendments to **§160.7**, concerning Qualifications for Licensure, amend the rule by deleting a reference to a foreign educational credentialing service that is no longer in operation and adds language authorizing international credit evaluations from credential evaluation organizations approved by the American Board of Radiology. The amendment also removes language regarding a master or doctorate degree that was unnecessary and covered by another section of the rule.

The amendments to **§160.10**, concerning Training Licensure, amend the rule by eliminating the term "training license" and substituting the term "temporary license" to be consistent with language in the Medical Physicist Act. The amendments increase the number of temporary license which an applicant may granted from four to twelve, with the proviso that after the seventh renewal the Board shall perform an evaluation to determine if an applicant is making progress in a medical physicist training program. The amendment also eliminates the term "renewal," because that term was inaccurate as temporary license are not renewed, but rather each license requires a new application. The amendment further adds language authorizing the executive director, at the executive director's discretion, to approve a supervisor of temporary licensees to supervise more than two temporary licensees. Finally, the amendment adds language allowing a supervisor at a CAMPEP approved medical physics training program to supervise more than two temporary licensees without requesting executive director approval.

CHAPTER 182. USE OF EXPERTS

The amendments to **§182.8**, concerning Expert Physician Reviewers, removes language from subsection (c) which requires that a report, prepared by an expert reviewer, include the expert's general qualifications; the rule is further amended to add language requiring the expert's specialty areas be included in such reports.

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CHAPTER 188. PERFUSIONISTS

The amendments to **§188.5**, concerning Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, removes language from subsection (a)(6) requiring a "sworn" application. This change is in accordance with and pursuant to the passage of SB 674 (85th Regular Session), which amended §603.252 of the Texas Occupations Code.

The amendments to **§188.9**, concerning License Renewal, removes the reference to "affidavit" which infers that an application for renewal is a "sworn" application. This change is in accordance with and pursuant to the passage of SB 674 (85th Regular Session), which amended §603.252 of the Texas Occupations Code.

CHAPTER 189. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The amendments to **§189.15**, concerning Determination of Successful Completion of an Order, amend the language in subsection (d) to clarify the provisions related to tolling and extension of an Order's time period resulting from tolling. The amendments also add a new subsection (e) to include a description of "partial tolling" and new subsection (f) to delineate the terms, requirements or conditions that may not be tolled.

CHAPTER 193. STANDING DELEGATION ORDERS

The amendments to **§193.8**, concerning Prescriptive Authority Agreements: Minimum Requirements, changes the requirements set forth in paragraphs (9) - (11) and adds a new paragraph (12), relating to the frequency physicians must meet with physician assistants to whom they delegate and supervise. These changes are in accordance with, and pursuant to, the passage of SB 1625 (85th Regular Session), which amended §157.0512 of the Texas Occupations Code.

CHAPTER 194. MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY SUBCHAPTER B. NON-CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS SUPERVISED BY PHYSICIANS

The repeal of Chapter 194, Subchapter B, **§§194.34 - 194.43**, concerning Medical Radiologic Technology, was adopted in accordance with Senate Bill No. 674 (85th Legislature, R.S.), which repealed requirements under §601.252 of the Texas Occupations Code related to the Medical Board's registration of non-certified technicians (NCT) employed by physicians. The Medical Board provides administrative resources to support the Medical Radiologic Technology Board's general registry for NCTs performing radiologic procedures in Texas. The repeal will eliminate inefficiencies related to Medical Board's resources allocated to supporting a second registry for a subset of NCTs working for physicians.

CHAPTER 193. PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS

The amendments to **§195.3**, concerning Inspections, implements the legislature's intent that Chapter 168.052 of the Medical Practice Act allows inspection of clinics or facilities not

certified under Chapter 168.101 to determine if they are required to be certified. The amendment also clarifies the legislature's intent that subpoenas requiring immediate production, inspection, and copying of medical and billing are authorized in Board inspections and investigations in order to protect the public health and welfare. The amendment also sets forth criteria establishing the grounds on which a clinic or facility may be inspected to determine if it is required to be certified as a pain management clinic under Chapter 168.101 of the Medical Practice Act. Finally, the rules recognize the new grant of authority for the Board to enforce compliance with Board subpoenas by filing a suit to enforce in district court.

Case Review Experts Needed

TMB is calling for physicians in the following specialty areas to serve as experts in reviewing standard of care cases: Interventional Radiology, Neurological Surgery, Oncology, Orthopedic Surgery, Pain Management, Pulmonary Disease, and Urology.

As an expert to the Board, your identity for any individual case will be confidential. The requirements for serving as an expert are:

- Active Texas license
- Active practice in Texas (more than 20 hours per week 40 weeks per year)
- No history of negative peer action or license restriction
- Acceptable malpractice history

For more information, please email:
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Continuing Education Opportunities

Activity Title	Date(s)	No. of Hours	Link
Risk Management TOMA Webinar Series	July 10, 2018 & Sept. 11, 2018	1.0 AOA Category 1A or 2A	http://www.txosteo.org/?page=2018webinars
Patient Safety and Medical Errors	Expires Aug. 1, 2020	2.0 AMA PRA Category 1	https://texmed.inreachce.com/Details?groupId=f73336a5-7d7c-4cfd-9021-03cfa066aae1
Health Authorities in Texas	Expires Nov. 22, 2020	1.0 AMA PRA Category 1	http://www.txhealthsteps.com/149-health-authorities-texas
EMTALA: Legal and Ethical Duties of Physicians in Emergency Departments	Expires Nov. 25, 2018	1.0 AMA PRA Category 1	https://texmed.inreachce.com/Details?groupId=8d589c6c-76a7-4edd-ab7f-685fb132bf16
Combating Physician Stress and Burnout	Expires March 27, 2020	1.0 AMA PRA Category 1	https://tmlt.inreachce.com/Details?groupId=9706fd37-1722-4bf5-89b4-95d421a4a1f8
Physician Impairment is More Than You Realize	Expires Jan. 1, 2019	1.5 AMA PRA Category 1	https://texmed.inreachce.com/Details?groupId=b0785738-caf1-408e-a084-604c560532f1

The continuing education opportunities listed above are provided only as a courtesy. TMB makes no guarantee to the quality of the content, fulfillment of credit hours for license requirement purposes, or ensure compliance with terms of any Board order or rules. As part of its 2016-2017 review of the Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission adopted a nonstatutory management action directing the Board to dedicate one page of its quarterly newsletter bulletin to three topics in continuing medical education that the Board considers relevant; at least one of the annual 12 continuing medical education topics must be related to tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease.

Formal Complaints

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Johnson, Jimmy Bradley, MRT, Palmview	GMR00011874	9/28/17	Felony offense.
Galloway, Frederick, LMRT, Live Oak	TLM02000323	9/29/17	Unprofessional conduct.
Morgan, Courtney Ricardo, M.D., Victoria	M8195	10/20/17	Unprofessional conduct; violation of prior order.
Williams, Patricia, NCT, Coppell	NCR00161393	10/27/17	Impairment.
Ferguson, Donald W., II, M.D., Arlington	L6039	10/30/17	Unprofessional conduct; violation of prior order.
Howie, David Ian, M.D., Cleveland	H2472	11/1/17	Felony offense.
Legall, Michelle Evette, M.D., Humble	M6723	11/6/17	Unprofessional conduct.
Salvato, Patricia, M.D., Houston	G0049	11/7/17	Failure to meet the standard of care; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Bruschetta, Humberto Rafael, M.D., Kingsville	J9634	11/8/17	Felony indictment.
Lewis, Felicia Lenora, M.D., Ennis	M8125	11/14/17	Unprofessional conduct.
Stenger, Earl Martin, M.D., San Antonio	D7315	11/20/17	Unprofessional conduct; violation of prior order.
Ruggiero, Michael, D.O., Bryan	H9144	11/28/17	Unprofessional conduct; violation of prior order.
Saqer, Rezik A., M.D., Houston	K2282	11/30/17	Failure to meet the standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; improper supervision or delegation; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Frenzel, Clayton Arthur, D.O., Arlington	N3650	12/4/17	Unprofessional conduct.
Chavez, Baselisa, NCT, Arlington	NCR00159649	12/11/17	Unprofessional conduct.
Smith, Lance S., M.D., Houston	J5646	12/11/17	Failure to meet the standard of care.
Adair, Maureen Lenore, M.D.,	F6376	12/14/17	Failure to meet the standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Akhtar, Adeeba, M.D., Houston	M0999	12/15/17	Unprofessional conduct; peer review action.

Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/news>

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION

Alexander, Raymond T., M.D., Lic. No. F3704, Houston

On November 2, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Raymond T. Alexander, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Alexander is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients due to an illness, or mental or physical condition. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Alexander, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Alexander. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Chapanos, Petros Kosmas, M.D., Lic. No. J9640, Levelland

On December 19, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Petros Kosmas Chapanos, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found Dr. Chapanos is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of an illness, or mental or physical condition. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Chapanos, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Chapanos. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Cone, Jeffrey Donald, M.D., Lic. No. E4265, Amarillo

On January 3, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Jeffrey Donald Cone, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Cone was arrested and charged with sexual assault of a child, under Texas Penal Code Section 22.011 (2)(A). In addition, three patients have come forward alleging Dr. Cone engaged in sexually inappropriate behavior with them during examinations. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Cone, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Cone. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Echols, Daalon Braundre, M.D., Lic. No. M4049, Wichita Falls

On December 19, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Daalon Braundre Echols, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. The restriction requires Dr. Echols to limit his practice to TelemedX, a telemedicine practice whereby Dr. Echols writes prescriptions for orthotic braces; and Dr. Echols is prohibited from prescribing, administering, or dispensing dangerous drugs or controlled substances. The Board panel found based on the evidence presented, that Dr. Echols violated the Act and Board rules, including engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient while also prescribing this patient opioids and other medications, his loss of clinical privileges due to findings made by United Regional Health Care System that he was placing patients at risk of harm and disrupting the orderly operation of the hospital, his arrest for and reported use of illicit substances in 2012 and thereafter, his reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle that led to an arrest and indictment, and his repeated refusals to respond to Board Staffs' requests for information and to otherwise cooperate with Board staff. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Hooper, Lisa D., M.D., Lic. No. J9511, Plano

On December 5, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Lisa D. Hooper, M.D., 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 Dr. Hooper poses an immediate threat to the public health due to an impairment related to drug and/or alcohol abuse, which culminated in Dr. Hooper being intoxicated while on duty. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Hooper, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Hooper. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Lankford, Daniel Burgess, M.D., Lic. No. N2617, Galveston

On November 20, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Daniel Burgess Lankford, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Lankford was arrested for terroristic threat, a class B misdemeanor, and an ongoing criminal investigation continues. Dr. Lankford has a pattern of receiving treatment for substance abuse and continues to have difficulty with substance abuse. The panel found that Dr. Lankford is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients due to an illness, use of drugs or other substances, or as a result of any mental or physical condition. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable

with 10 days' notice to Dr. Lankford, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Lankford. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Kern, Joshua Kless, M.D., Lic. No. N5151, Dallas

On December 28, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Joshua Kless Kern, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. Dr. Kern's temporary suspension is lifted and he is immediately placed under the following terms and conditions: publicly referred to the Texas Physician Health Program; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in his signed interim agreement with the Board; notify the Compliance Department of the Board within ten days of any drug screening violation; within 30 days undergo an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations made by the evaluating psychiatrist. The Board panel found that on November 1, 2017, Dr. Kern was arrested by the Dallas County Hospital District Police Department and charged with Diversion of Controlled Substances. The arrest was related to two incidents that occurred at Parkland Hospital in September 2017. Dr. Kern submitted evidence to the panel demonstrating that he has completed inpatient rehabilitation and is actively participating in outpatient programs, including drug screening and attending twelve step recovery meetings. He has not had any positive drug screens since entering treatment. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Roberts, Richard Martin, M.D., Lic. No. G2467, Corpus Christi

On November 3, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Richard Martin Roberts, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. Dr. Roberts is required to have a chaperone present anytime he performs an examination on any patient, in-person or otherwise. The Board panel found that Dr. Roberts' conduct constitutes a pattern of practice including professional boundary violations wherein he inappropriately performs genital examinations on patients without sufficient medical justification and fails to obtain adequate consent. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Vermillion, David L., M.D., Lic. No. L9588, Lubbock

On December 5, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of David L. Vermillion, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that on November 9, 2017, Dr. Vermillion reported his impairment as part of the investigation into his criminal cases for violating a protective order. Dr. Vermillion failed to disclose his failure and refusal to abstain from the use or possession of drugs or alcohol or the revocation of his community supervision for his conduct. A temporary suspension

hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Vermillion, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Vermillion. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Waters, J. Alan, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. BP10053816, Carrollton

On October 19, 2017, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas physician-in-training permit of J. Alan Waters, Jr., M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Waters is unable to safely practice medicine due to substance abuse. While deployed with the Army National Guard, Dr. Waters was apparently called to serve in a medical unit in his capacity as a physician to treat civilian patients in Beaumont for Hurricane Harvey relief. On or about September 6, 2017, during this service, Dr. Waters was working the night shift as the "doctor on duty." Several medics were also on duty at the same time at the same facility. During the night, the medics witnessed Dr. Waters acting strangely. Dr. Waters emerged from the temporary sleeping room and asked the medics on duty why they were still awake, and told them to go to sleep. Several hours later, Dr. Waters again emerged from the sleeping room. He stumbled down the hallway, leaning against the wall for support, and was mumbling incoherently. The medics assisted Dr. Waters to a cot and began providing medical assistance. Dr. Waters was observed to have IV site marks on all four extremities, including in between his toes. One medic went into the sleeping room and observed dozens of used syringes, bloody combat gauze, and empty bags of IV fluids strewn about. There were also empty vials and bottles of medications. Several weeks after this incident, Dr. Waters failed to disclose to the Board his reported abuse of drugs and work as a physician. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Waters, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Waters. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

QUALITY OF CARE

Armstrong, Raymond G., M.D., Lic. No. D6364, San Antonio

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Raymond G. Armstrong, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from treating patients for addiction or providing psychiatric care to patients unless such patients are being treated by him for those conditions in an emergency department setting; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and four hours in medical record-keeping. The Board found Dr. Armstrong failed to recognize and appropriately respond to a patient by failing to appreciate the patient's distress and make appropriate referrals for her in a timely manner which resulted in the patient's suicide.

Castillon, Frank, III, M.D., Lic. No. M0682, Lubbock

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Frank Castillon, III, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to

have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in surgical safety, eight hours in neurological monitoring and eight hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$6,000. The Board found Dr. Castillon failed to meet the standard of care for several surgical patients. Specifically, he failed to use adequate surgical technique during an operation requiring corrective surgery, performed an incorrect, and non-consented, spinal level surgery, improperly discharged a patient after failing to recognize a small cerebral contusion which was also missed by interpreting radiologist, and diagnosed a fourth patient with loss of brainstem function too soon after anesthetic agents had been administered. Ultimately, however, the patient did meet brain death criteria. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Deshmukh, Avi Trimbak, M.D., Lic. No. H1067, Weatherford

On November 13, 2017, the Board and Avi Trimbak Deshmukh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Deshmukh and requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in urologic surgery, eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Deshmukh failed to meet the standard of care by discharging a patient in light of her dementia, bleeding disorder and post-procedure bleeding, wrote a prescription for Levaquin when he knew the patient was allergic to the medication and changed it after it was requested by the family before her discharge, and failed to adequately document a patient's post-procedure hematoma and the extent of numerous post-surgical aspirations.

Hamilton, Franchell Richard, M.D., Lic. No. P3167, Keller

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Franchell Richard Hamilton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring her to within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: twelve hours in vascular complications, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in physician communications; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500. The Board found that during an elective bariatric surgical procedure, despite utilizing appropriate techniques, an injury occurred to the aorta while Dr. Hamilton was placing the primary trocar. The lead surgeon attempted to repair the injury temporarily by suturing the defect. The injury could not be repaired as the facility did not have a vascular surgeon or vascular grafts available. Dr. Hamilton failed to fully document all communications regarding the transfer of the patient to high level care. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Hamilton, James Merriwether, M.D., Lic. No. C5536, Overton

On December 8, 2017, the Board and James Merriwether Hamilton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Hamilton failed to

meet the standard of care and to maintain adequate medical records for 15 patients in the treatment of weight loss issues.

Land, David B., D.O., Lic. No. H0543, Eagle Pass

On December 8, 2017, the Board and David B. Land, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the National Board of Medical Examiners Subject Exam, Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Science Subject Test; within one year complete at least 43 hours of CME, divided as follows: ten hours in pharmacology, ten hours in managing obstetrical emergencies, ten hours in handling gynecological surgical complications, eight hours in diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of liver disease and five hours in communications; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Land failed to meet the standard of care by failing to recognize a patient's fetal distress and did not timely perform a C-section, resulting in the infant's death. Dr. Land also failed to order Hepatitis C genotyping prior to initiating the treatment for Hepatitis C for another patient. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Leeds, Timothy Gerard, M.D., Lic. No. M9449, Round Rock

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Timothy Gerard Leeds, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in anger management, eight hours in risk management and four hours in pregnancy complications. The Board found Dr. Leeds failed to exercise due diligence in his treatment of one patient who ultimately died of preeclampsia and was the subject of peer review that resulted in the termination of his hospital privileges regarding unprofessional behavior.

Lowery, Erica Herndon, M.D., Lic. No. P2482, Baytown

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Erica Herndon Lowery, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to have her practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in handling high risk pregnancy, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and four hours in informed consent. The Board found Dr. Lowery failed to meet the standard of care in the obstetric care of one patient by failing to timely address the signs of fetal distress, failed to perform and document an adequate patient history and failed to obtain the patient's written informed consent for a surgical vaginal delivery.

Skie, Gregory, M.D., Lic. No. G5617, Arlington

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Gregory Skie, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and four hours in proper prescribing. The Board found Dr. Skie failed to safeguard against potential complication for a high risk patient

by renewing controlled substances prescriptions instead of adjusting his prescribing based on the patient having a surplus of medications rather than issuing full prescriptions.

Sundaresan, Sanjoy, M.D., Lic. No. K1083, Wichita Falls

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Sanjoy Sundaresan, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying his 2012 Agreed Order. The modification requires Dr. Sundaresan for a period of five years, to participate in the Physician Enhancement Program (PEP) offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within 60 days contact PACE for the purpose of enrolling in the PEP program; within one year complete the prescribing controlled drugs course offered by The Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP); and within one year complete the Evidence-Based Spine Interventions Seminar sponsored by the Spine Intervention Society. The Board found Dr. Sundaresan's treatment of pain management patients fell below the standard of care. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Sundaresan has completed Ordering Paragraphs Nos. 5 through 8 of the 2012 order. All other terms of the 2012 order remain in full effect.

Thomas, John P., M.D., Lic. No. J6763, Lubbock

On October 20, 2017, the Board and John P. Thomas, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Thomas failed to timely address a post-operative internal bleed after performing a gallbladder surgery and failed to timely address a post-operative bile leak after a surgery for a second patient. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Velasquez, Michael A., D.O., Lic. No. L2726, El Paso

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Michael A. Velasquez, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and four hours in drug-seeking behavior; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Velasquez failed to meet the standard of care in the treatment and management of a patient's chronic non-cancer pain and did not follow through on referrals to specialists.

Wells, John Arthur, M.D., Lic. No. F7294, Austin

On December 8, 2017, the Board and John Arthur Wells, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Wells and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within two years complete at least 40 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, eight hours in professionalism, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, twelve hours in supervision/delegation and eight hours in ethics; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Wells failed to meet the standard of care for two patients whom he failed to properly

evaluate and also improperly delegated to licensed vocational nurses and failed to keep adequate medical records. Dr. Wells acted unprofessionally by making inappropriate remarks to staff.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Cohen, Dan Chaim, M.D., Lic. No. P0363, Lakeway

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Dan Chaim Cohen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in boundaries. The Board found Dr. Cohen admits to, and has taken full responsibility for, engaging in unprofessional behavior with a patient when he texted inappropriate comments to the patient.

Devaneson, Paul Prabhakar, M.D., Lic. No. F8465, Lubbock

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Paul Prabhakar Devaneson, M.D., entered into and Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in anger management and eight hours in ethics. The Board found Dr. Devaneson sent harassing and sexually inappropriate messages to his former office manager through social media.

Lin, Nicholas, M.D., Lic. No. N6911, San Antonio

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Nicholas Lin, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly referring Dr. Lin to the Texas Physician Health Program and requiring him to within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Lin entered into a deferred adjudication of a Class A Misdemeanor offense related to a physical altercation with two females. The circumstances surrounding his arrest were not connected with the practice of medicine. Dr. Lin is required pursuant to Community Supervision and Correction Department Rehabilitation Program to participate in abstinence, drug testing and an Aggression Control Program. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Loftus, Thomas Stuart, M.D., Lic. No. L5439, Austin

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Thomas Stuart Loftus, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to modify the disclosures that are provided to his patients to adequately and fully reflect his financial interest in Capitol Neurodiagnostics, PLLC and to indicate whether they are an in-network or out-of-network provider, and provide copies of the modified disclosures within 30 days to the Board; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and four hours in medical ethics; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500. The Board found Dr. Loftus failed to disclose his financial relationship with Capitol Neurodiagnostics, PLLC. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the

State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Martin, Earl Edward, D.O., Lic. No. L4559, Tomball

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Earl Edward Martin, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Martin and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the PACE program; within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management, four hours in ethics, four hours in treating migraine headaches, four hours in treatment of chronic pain and four hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found Dr. Martin failed to take an adequate history and document an adequate medical rationale for opioids he prescribed to a patient for migraine headaches and admitted to having a sexual relationship with the patient.

Molen, Kyle Derrick, M.D., Lic. No. K6161, Plano

On November 29, 2017, the Board and Kyle Derrick Molen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Molen and requiring him to within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in professionalism. The Board found Dr. Molen had a sexual relationship with a female patient.

Nance, Jeff Emory, III, M.D., Lic. No. L5843, Dallas

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Jeff Emory Nance, III, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Nance became personally involved with a patient in an inappropriate manner, exchanging hundreds of texts messages over multiple months, and improperly soliciting the patient to participate in a multi-level marketing business.

REVOCAION

Chong, Soo Young, M.D., Lic. No. N5626, Houston

On December 8, 2017, the Board entered a Final Order against Soo Young Chong, M.D., revoking his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Chong operated an unregistered pain management clinic, failed to properly supervise his midlevel, and failed to meet the standard of care for treating chronic pain with respect to multiple patients. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administra-

tive Hearings (SOAH). This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Chong has 20 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Dailey, Warren Bertrand, M.D., Lic. No. F8454, Houston

On December 8, 2017, the Board entered a Final Order against Warren Bertrand Dailey, M.D., revoking his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Dailey was convicted of five felony counts related to health care fraud and is currently serving a term of 63 months of incarceration. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Dailey has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

SUSPENSION

Fath, Steven Wade, M.D., Lic. No. K8144, Dallas

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Steven Wade Fath, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension suspending Dr. Fath's Texas medical license until he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, and appears before the Board to provide evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine, which shall include at a minimum, completion of the specific cognitive and health evaluations recommended by the Center for Professional Education for Physicians (CPEP) in Denver, Colorado in the proficiency testing and completion of a residency-like program. Dr. Fath shall reappear before the Board to request modification of this order so he may enroll and participate in the residency-like program. The Board found Dr. Fath was recommended by CPEP to not engage in the active practice of medicine until he completes a specified cognitive and health evaluation, as well as a residency-like training.

Howie, David Ian, M.D., Lic. No. H2472, Cleveland

On December 8, 2017, the Board and David Ian Howie, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing, under the following terms for 10 years: suspending Dr. Howie's Texas medical license until such a time as he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Evidence shall include compliance with terms of this order; within 30 days obtain an independent medical evaluation from a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations made; abstain from the consumption for prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than three times a week; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Howie pleaded guilty to two second degree felony charges of aggravated assault. Dr. Howie stated he is an alcoholic and began participating in Alcoholics Anonymous in 2016, appeared remorseful and accepts responsibility for his

actions, and is currently under the conditions of his deferred adjudication probation

Kahn, Ronald F., M.D., Lic. No. L5000, Bryan

On October 27, 2017, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Ronald F. Kahn, M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found that on July 21, 2017, Dr. Kahn was convicted after a trial by jury of two felony counts of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. His sentencing is scheduled on December 15, 2017. The order remains in effect until superseded by subsequent order.

Okose, Peter Chukwuemeka, M.D., Lic. No. J2714, Spring

On November 6, 2017, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Peter Chukwuemeka Okose, M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found that on July 6, 2017, Dr. Okose pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and dispense, outside the course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, various amounts of a mixture and substance known as hydrocodone and hydrocodone products. He is scheduled for sentencing on February 25, 2018. The order remains in effect until superseded by subsequent order.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCATION

Anderson, Rexford, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. D4912, Abilene

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Rexford Anderson, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Anderson agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Anderson was under investigation for allegations of violating a prior Board order. He has indicated he is unable to practice and comply with his order due to a physical illness.

Barri, Yousri M. H., M.D., Lic. No. L3572, Plano

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Yousri M. H. Barri, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Barri agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Barri was under investigation involving allegations that he has a medical condition that prohibits him from practicing medicine.

Conner, Byron Felton, M.D., Lic. No. J8496, North Richland Hills

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Byron Felton Conner, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation Upon Formal Filing, in which Dr. Conner agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found that Dr. Conner entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to commit health care fraud and is awaiting sentencing, which has been deferred pending the prosecution of other health care providers against whom charges are pending, and Dr. Conner's cooperation in such prosecution. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Diamond, Howard, M.D., Lic. No. H4283, Sherman

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Howard Diamond, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation, in which Dr. Diamond agreed to the revocation of his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found that on July 6, 2017, an indictment was filed against Dr. Diamond in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division. Dr. Diamond has pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges.

Franczek, Scott Parker, M.D., Lic. No. J4125, Melbourne, FL

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Scott Parker Franczek, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Franczek agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license. The Board found Dr. Franczek's contract with the Texas Physician Health Program was terminated due to a positive drug analysis.

Jeyaraj, David Vijay, M.D., Lic. No. L2354, Houston

On October 20, 2017, the Board and David Vijay Jeyaraj, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Jeyaraj agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Jeyaraj improperly operated an unregistered pain management clinic.

Warshawsky, Benjamin Joseph, M.D., Lic. No. BP10057676, Austin

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Benjamin Joseph Warshawsky, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender on Formal Filing in which Dr. Warshawsky agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas physician in training permit in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Warshawsky was arrested by the Temple Police Department for driving while intoxicated and entered into the Bell County Pre-Trial Intervention Program. Dr. Warshawsky later resigned from employment with his residency program in lieu of termination. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION

Deaton, Benjamin Andrew, M.D., Lic. No. M1623, Houston

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Benjamin Andrew Deaton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Granting Termination of Suspension under the following terms: publicly reprimanding him; limit his practice to a group or institutional setting approved in advance; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; within 30 days obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; and participate in Alcoholics Anonymous activities no less than three times a week. The Board found Dr. Deaton agreed to voluntarily surrender his Colorado Medical License to avoid a disciplinary hearing related to his failure to report his participation in the Texas Physician Health Program on his initial licensure application. Results from his Independent Medical

Evaluation are that he is safe to resume the practice of medicine provided he participates in on-going psychiatric treatment and substance abuse monitoring.

Gibbons, Gregory Michael, M.D., Lic. No. N3670, Bellaire

On October 20, 2017, the Board entered an Order Granting Termination of Suspension, reinstating Dr. Gibbon's Texas medical license under the following terms: abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; within 30 days submit to the Board physicians who agree to serve as a treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment by the Board-approved physician; and participate in Alcoholics Anonymous activities no less than three times a week. Dr. Gibbons was previously temporarily suspended for attempting to treat three patients while impaired due to alcohol consumption.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Daniel, Kathleen, M.D., Lic. No. D5952, San Antonio

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Kathleen D. Daniel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Daniel's license, staying the suspension, and placing her on probation for a period of five years under the following terms: shall not practice in Texas until she requests in writing and appears before the Board to provide evidence that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice, which shall include results and/or reports from an independent medical evaluation; within 30 days undergo an independent medical evaluation by a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow any and all recommendations for care and treatment; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Daniel was convicted of a second degree felony on September 1, 2016, when a jury found her guilty of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Aguirre-Burgos, Jesus Ignacio, M.D., Lic. No. E6206, Laredo

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Jesus Ignacio Aguirre-Burgos, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within seven days surrender his DEA controlled substances registration certificates and shall not reregister without authorization from the Board; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours of in-person CME in risk management, eight hours in drug-seeking behavior and eight hours in in-person CME in medical recordkeeping; and within one year pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Aguirre-Burgos voluntarily surrendered his DEA registration due to concerns related to his prescribing practices, failed to meet the standard of care when prescribing to multiple patients for chronic pain, failed the meet the standard of care when he prescribed phentermine to three

patients, and failed to maintain adequate medical records.

Fish, Daniel B., M.D., Lic. No. J6105, Seminole

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Daniel B. Fish, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Fish and requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for 12 monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics, four hours in billing practices and four hours in risk management; within one year pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Fish failed to meet the standard of care for all 15 patients in the case and nontherapeutically prescribed to 14 patients, failed to adhere to the requirements for the treatment of pain, failed to maintain adequate medical records, and was the subject of peer review action due to substandard care. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Singleton, Wright Wiley, M.D., Lic. No. J0266, The Colony

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Wright Wiley Singleton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete the physician prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in medical recordkeeping; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Singleton failed to meet the Board guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain, failed to adequately assess or document patients' compliance with the treatment plan and any indications of abuse or diversion, and failed to provide adequate detail of medical histories, treatment plans, and assessments. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

IMPROPER PRESCRIBING

Harrison, Mark L., M.D., Lic. No. G4598, Harlingen

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Mark L. Harrison, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in prescribing controlled substances and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Harrison prescribed prescription drugs and controlled substances (non-opioid) to himself and his immediate family members in absence of immediate need.

Martincheck, David J., M.D., Lic. No. N5841, Waco

On December 8, 2017, the Board and David J. Martincheck, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Martincheck and requiring him to within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Martincheck admitted that he knowingly treated and prescribed controlled substances to a patient with whom he had a sexual relationship in violation of Board rules and failed to adhere to the Board's guidelines on documenting the treatment of chronic pain. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Seabold, Chad, M.D., Lic. No. N1442, Houston

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Chad Seabold, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Seabold, publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program, and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Seabold prescribed dangerous drugs and controlled substances over a period of several years to someone with whom he had a close personal relationship and prescribed dangerous drugs to himself over a period of several years. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

VIOLATION OF BOARD RULES

Hall, Brad Bailey, M.D., Lic. No. E8532, San Antonio

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Brad Bailey Hall, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program; and participate in Alcoholics Anonymous activities no less than one time per week. The Board found Dr. Hall may have an alcohol use disorder, as acknowledged by his previous involvement in a 12-step recovery program several years ago, and attending an inpatient treatment program in 2013. Dr. Hall denies a current alcohol use disorder although he admits to drinking on a social basis. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings

Lucas, Marshall Brent, M.D., Lic. No. J0080, The Woodlands

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Marshall Brent Lucas, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics and/or risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. Lucas did not release a patient's medical records within 15 days of receipt of the request. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the

State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Martinez, Mario A., M.D., Lic. No. M3637, Corpus Christi

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Mario A. Martinez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in prescribing controlled substances; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Martinez failed to register a clinic as a pain management clinic and failed to screen the patients for opioid-related risks prior to initiating opioid treatment.

Zimmerman, Robert Owin, M.D., Lic. No. J2436, Paris

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Robert Owin Zimmerman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in cancer screening (to include patients getting hormone treatment, if possible); and within 30 days revise his bioidentical hormone replacement therapy (BHRT) consent forms to conform with Board Rule 200 and present the revised consent form to the Board for approval. The Board found Dr. Zimmerman failed to meet the Board Rule 200 requirement for appropriate disclosures. Dr. Zimmerman's consent form failed to disclose potential risks of BHRT, and he failed to document that he discussed the risks and benefits of the treatment and the patient's laboratory testing. Dr. Zimmerman also failed to recommend and/or document that recommended appropriate cancer screening for the patient he treated with BHRT.

PEER REVIEW ACTION

Quinones, Marlon P., M.D., Lic. No. Q4829, San Antonio

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Marlon P. Quinones, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and eight hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Quinones voluntarily surrendered his privileges at Laurel Ridge Treatment Center in San Antonio while an investigation was pending, and failed to cooperate with Board staff's request for information.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR BOARD ORDER

Parkey, Paul James, M.D., Lic. No. D3362, Wichita Falls

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Paul James Parkey, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Parkey violated his 2014 Order by failing to timely pay his chart monitor fees as required.

Saifee, Nafees Fatima, M.D., Lic. No. E3762, Fort Worth

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Nafees Fatima Saifee, M.D.,

entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order which modifies her June 2016 Order. The modification requires her to within six months complete at least 6.5 hours of CME in the topic of HIPAA. The Board found Dr. Saiffee failed to timely complete all the CME required under the 2016 Order. All other terms of the 2016 Order remain in effect.

Shelton, Kevin James, M.D., Lic. No. N1893, Celina

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Kevin James Shelton, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Shelton failed to comply with a term of his 2013 Order by failing to timely complete CME in medical billing and coding within the prescribed time period, and created confusion by advertising on his website that he is a “Board Certified family physician” after his certification lapsed and that he “specialized in Hormone Replacement Therapy” when there is no Board certification in that area.

Stoufflet, Paul Eric, M.D., Lic. No. H8440, Austin

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Paul Eric Stoufflet, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Stoufflet. The Board found Dr. Stoufflet violated his 2015 and 2017 Orders by failing to timely compensate a chart monitor and by failing to pay an administrative penalty within the required timeframe.

Thomas, Flavia La Nell, D.O., Lic. No. K8520, Sugar Land

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Flavia La Nell Thomas, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Thomas. The Board found Dr. Thomas violated her 2016 order by failing to pay the chart monitor’s fees for the first cycle of monitoring performed. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Venegas, Carlos, M.D., Lic. No. K0566, Dallas

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Carlos Venegas, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying his 2016 Agreed Order. The modification requires Dr. Venegas to complete any and all retraining within the deadlines set forth by the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program’s March 27, 2017 report; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Venegas failed to timely complete a KSTAR assessment, making further recommendation for remediation and testing. All other terms of the 2016 order remain in full effect.

OTHER STATES’ ACTIONS

Baghdoian, Michael, M.D., Lic. No. D8654, Southgate, MI

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Michael Baghdoian, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Dr. Baghdoian from practicing in Texas until he requests permission and appears before the Board to provide evidence that adequately indicates that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safe-

ly practice. The Board found Dr. Baghdoian entered into a Consent Order with the Michigan Board of Medicine for performing wrong site surgery, was reprimanded and paid a fine of \$1,000.

Dimowo, John Oruyopita, M.D., Lic. No. K4883, El Paso

On October 20, 2017, the Board entered a Final Order regarding John Oruyopita Dimowo, M.D., restricting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas until he requests permission and appears before the Board to provide evidence that indicates he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice. The Board found Dr. Dimowo was authorized to return to practice medicine in the state of California following misdemeanor convictions for unlawfully prescribing controlled substances. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Dimowo has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Galizia, James Joseph, M.D., Lic. No. K3196, Eagle Pass

On December 8, 2017, the Board and James Joseph Galizia, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program; and requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Galizia falsely represented that he relinquished his license in California because of his “schedule,” and failed to disclose his positive tests for alcohol, the Medical Board of California’s (MBC) licensure revocation actions, or the surrender of his license while the revocation action by the MBC was pending.

Granberry, Michael Lee, M.D., Lic. No. G8857, Mobile, AL

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Michael Lee Granberry, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Granberry. The Board found Dr. Granberry was disciplined by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners for failure to complete sufficient CME for licensure.

Johnson, Jonathan Michael, M.D., Lic. No. P0610, Madison, WI

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Jonathan Michael Johnson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$775. The Board found Dr. Johnson entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland Board of Physicians for failure to complete CME requirements.

Lawal, Adegboyega Hakeem, M.D., Lic. No. L3372, Milwaukee, WI

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Adegboyega Hakeem Lawal, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to comply with all terms of the Final Decision and Order entered by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (WMEB). The Board found that on April 19, 2017, Dr. Lawal was disciplined by the WMEB and received a one week suspension of his license for failing to meet the standard of care in the treatment of a patient.

INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

Benhamou, Elias, M.D., Lic. No. J2442, Bellaire

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Elias Benhamou, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. Benhamou failed to adequately document in the medical records aspects of the patient's behavior and demeanor that he believed contributed to a patient's risk for opioid abuse thus justifying the urine toxicology tests ordered.

Pacheco-Serrant, Helson, M.D., Lic. No. K6208, El Paso

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Helson Pacheco-Serrant, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within six months complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2000. The Board found Dr. Pacheco-Serrant failed to keep adequate medical records for two patients by failing to document appropriate history, physical exam, and post-operative reports for surgical procedures.

CEASE AND DESIST

Ethridge, Christopher, No License, Whitehouse

On October 20, 2017, the Board and Christopher Ethridge entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist order prohibiting Mr. Ethridge from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Ethridge shall also cease and desist from identifying himself as a doctor. The Board found that on or about March 20, 2017, Mr. Ethridge engaged in the practice of medicine by diagnosing, or offering to treat a patient's injury and publicly professed to be a physician, by identifying himself as a physician to emergency response personnel responding to an emergency call involving a patient with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Martiz, Jamie, No License, Houston

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Jamie Martiz entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting Mr. Martiz from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Martiz shall also ensure all advertising materials he uses in Texas state that he is not licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Martiz is a graduate of a foreign medical school and holds a license to practice medicine in another country and completed fellowships at Texas medical schools. In advertisements for his consulting business, Mr. Martiz is identified as "Jamie Martiz, M.D." and "Dr. Martiz." Mr. Martiz does not clarify that he is not licensed by the state of Texas to practice medicine.

Salvaggio, Louanna, No License, San Antonio

On December 8, 2017, the Board and Louanna Salvaggio entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting Ms. Salvaggio from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found that personal acquaintances believed Ms. Salvaggio was a licensed physi-

cian and one paid Ms. Salvaggio for counseling services with the understanding that she worked as a psychiatrist.

Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

Beard, Justin Casey, P.A., Lic. No. PA05709, Dallas

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Justin Casey Beard, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Beard agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas physician assistant license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Beard's license had been temporarily suspended after a panel found he suffered from a mental or physical condition that affects his ability to safely practice.

Bertzky, Tarah Renee-Brixey, P.A., Lic. No. PA06239, Aledo

On December 13, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Tarah Renee-Brixey Bertzky, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order under the following terms for a period of five years: shall not reapply for DEA controlled substances registration without Board authorization; shall not provide medical treatment to herself, family members, and close personal acquaintances; have her practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in risk management; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Ms. Bertzky failed to meet the standard of care with respect to multiple patients by issuing prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances for which she was not legally authorized by her DEA registration, authorizing refills and increasing dosages without documenting adequate medical rationale, inadequate charting, and authorizing refills to herself and family members beyond the period of immediate need.

Edwards, Lamar Blair, P.A., Lic. No. PA07405, Houston

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Lamar Blair Edwards, P.A., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order After Formal Filing, in which Mr. Edwards agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas physician assistant license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Mr. Edwards failed to meet the standard of care for and nontherapeutically prescribed to the 10 patients at issue in the Board's Complaint filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings on May 9, 2017. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH.

Irvin, Melodie Kay, P.A., Lic. No. PA00855, Houston

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Melodie Kay Irvin, P.A., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Ms. Irvin agreed to voluntarily surrender her Texas physician assistant license in lieu of further disciplinary

proceedings. Ms. Irvin was under investigation for allegations related to unauthorized prescribing of controlled substances. Ms. Irvin reported that she no longer intends to practice as a physician assistant.

Lopez, Matthew Lee, P.A., Lic. No. PA03129, Henderson

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Matthew Lee Lopez, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Lopez agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas physician assistant license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board had alleged Mr. Lopez is impaired and unable to work as a physician assistant.

Malone, Kelly, P.A., Lic. No. PA07270, Conroe

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered a Default Order regarding Kelly Malone, P.A., which revoked her Texas physician assistant license. On December 7, 2016, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. Malone was served notice of the Complaint and subsequent hearing at SOAH. Ms. Malone failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was filed by Ms. Malone. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. Malone's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. Malone has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Guerrero, Carlos Reynaldo, P.A., Lic. No. PA08396, San Antonio

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Carlos Reynaldo Guerrero, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Guerrero and requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of in-person CME in anger management; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Mr. Guerrero entered into an agreement of a pre-trial diversion program for the charge of assault with bodily injury to his then girlfriend, which he has since completed and the charges were dismissed.

Thompson, Charles W., P.A., Lic. No. PA00537, Houston

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered a Final Order regarding Charles W. Thompson, P.A., revoking his Texas physician assistant license. The Board found Mr. Thompson failed to meet the standard of care for six chronic pain patients, was improperly involved with an unregistered pain management clinic and failed to maintain adequate medical records. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Thompson has 20 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Weicht, Jeanette Kay, P.A., Lic. No. PA00655, Fort Worth

On November 3, 2017, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered a Default Order regarding Jeanette Kay Weicht, P.A., which revoked her Texas physician assistant license. On August 15, 2016, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. Weicht was served notice of the Complaint and subsequent

hearing at SOAH. Ms. Weicht failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was filed by Ms. Weicht. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. Weicht's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. Weicht has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Disciplinary Actions

Abdela, Ahmed Mehamed, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00105768, Garland

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Ahmed Mehamed Abdela, MRT, which revoked his Texas medical radiologic technologist license. On May 23, 2017, the Board filed a Complaint at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct and impairment. Mr. Abdela was served notice of the Complaint and subsequent hearing at SOAH. Mr. Abdela failed to appear at the hearing and no responsive pleading was filed by Mr. Abdela. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Abdela's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Abdela has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Brown, Christopher A., MRT, Lic. No. GMR00018627, Tyler

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Christopher A. Brown, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Brown agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical radiologic technologist license in lieu of further proceedings. Mr. Brown was under investigation for allegations of unprofessional conduct.

Drennan, Kenny Ray, NCT, Lic. No. NCR02000053, Graford

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Kenny Ray Drennan, NCT, which revoked his Texas non-certified medical radiologic technologist license. On April 5, 2017, the Board filed a Complaint at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct and impairment. Mr. Drennan was served notice of the Complaint and subsequent hearing at SOAH. Mr. Drennan failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Drennan. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Drennan's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Drennan has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Garcia, Gustavo, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00095896, Brownsville

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Gustavo Garcia, MRT, entered into an Agreed

Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying his February 2017 Order. The modification requires Mr. Garcia to within seven days participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous at least 60 times within 60 days. The Board found Mr. Garcia violated his order by testing positive for a prohibited substance and failing to submit a specimen with the required time frame. All other terms of the 2017 Order remain in full effect.

Johnson, Jimmy Bradley, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00011874, Palmview

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Jimmy Bradley Johnson, MRT, entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Mr. Johnson agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical radiologic technologist license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Johnson was under investigation for allegations of unprofessional conduct.

Kelley, Joshua B., MRT, Lic. No. GMR00098361, San Antonio

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Joshua B. Kelley, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to comply with and complete all terms of his community supervision; and within 30 days obtain a Board-approved mental health provider and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Mr. Kelley was arrested for injury to a child after his son found a loaded weapon in his home and accidentally discharged it, injuring himself. Mr. Kelley was subject to deferred adjudication and required to enter into a 10 year community supervision program, is currently in the program and remains compliant with the program.

Marquez, Steven Ray, Sr., MRT, Lic. No. GMR00003085, Sander-son

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Steven Ray Marquez, Sr., MRT, which revoked his Texas medical radiologic technologist license. On June 15, 2017, the Board filed a Complaint at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Marquez was served notice of the Complaint and subsequent hearing at SOAH. Mr. Marquez failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was filed by Mr. Marquez. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Marquez's license was revoked by Default Order. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Marquez has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Morales, Frank, NCT, No License, Krum

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Frank Morales, NCT, entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting Mr. Morales from practicing as a non-certified radiologic technologist in the state of Texas without registering with the Board. The Board found Mr. Morales has practiced as an unregistered non-certified radiologic technologist in the state of Texas since 2011.

Phillips, Mark, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00020413, McKinney

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Mark Phillips, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Phillips agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical radiologic technologist license in lieu of further proceedings. Mr. Phillips was under investigation for allegations of unprofessional conduct.

Wilson, Donny J., MRT, Lic. No. GMR00022752, Weatherford

On November 10, 2017, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Donny J. Wilson, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Wilson agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical radiologic technologist license in lieu of further proceedings. Mr. Wilson was under investigation for allegations of unprofessional conduct related to an arrest and criminal conviction.

Texas Board of Respiratory Care Disciplinary Actions

Fuller, Latracia, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00076249, Gautier, MS

On November 9, 2017, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Latracia Fuller, RCP, entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Ms. Fuller agreed to voluntarily surrender her Texas respiratory care practitioner license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Ms. Fuller was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations of unprofessional conduct related to fraud and falsification of a National Board of Respiratory Care document.

Lopez, Efrain, Jr., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00072843, Edinburg

On November 9, 2017, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Efrain Lopez, Jr., RCP, entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring Mr. Lopez to the Texas Physician Health Program and requiring him to within one year complete at least four hours of CE in ethics. The Board found Mr. Lopez was convicted of multiple charges including evading arrest, and DWIs.

Mason, Kimberly Wynn, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00065225, Teague

On November 9, 2017, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care entered a Default Order regarding Kimberly Wynn Mason, RCP, which revoked her Texas respiratory care practitioner license. On August 3, 2017, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct and impairment. Ms. Mason was served notice of the Complaint and subsequent hearing at SOAH. Ms. Mason failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was filed by Ms. Mason. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. Mason's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. Mason has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Sarmiento, Mario E., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00078367, Harker

Heights

On November 9, 2017, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Mario E. Sarmiento, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within 30 days undergo an independent medical evaluation and follow any and all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found that on February 14, 1994, Mr. Sarmiento pled guilty to sexual misconduct involving a victim under the age of 17, was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay a \$90 surcharge. In an initial response to the Board regarding the matter, Mr. Sarmiento lied, misrepresenting facts surrounding the arrest and conviction.

Saiz, Ismael, Jr., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00069669, Brownfield

On November 9, 2017, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Ismael Saiz, Jr., RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to for a term of one year, abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined by the Order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; and within one year complete at least four hours of CE in anger management. The Board found Mr. Saiz tested positive for an illegal substance while at work, was suspended and subsequently tendered his resignation.

Soria, Daniel Glenn, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00077342, Brownsville

On November 9, 2017, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Daniel Glenn Soria, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CE, divided as follows: eight hours of in-person CE in sexual boundaries and eight hours in ethics. The Board found Mr. Soria engaged in unprofessional conduct when he engaged in sexual activities and sent inappropriate text messages with the family member of one of his patients.

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