

## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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### **TMB restricts Webster physician**

On July 29, 2015, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Ranjitkumar Patel, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of treatment of chronic pain poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately.

The restriction prohibits Dr. Patel from engaging in the treatment of any chronic pain as defined in Board rules. Dr. Patel shall surrender his Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Controlled Substances Registration Certificates if he has not already done so, surrender any and all existing Pain Management Clinic certificates in his possession and withdraw any currently pending applications. Dr. Patel is also prohibited from delegating prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse or supervising any midlevel provider.

The Board panel found that Dr. Patel failed to adequately treat at least four chronic pain patients and was operating a pain management clinic without proper certification.

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

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