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Board suspends Victoria physician, two Houston pain clinics

On April 25, 2011, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the medical license of Uma Rani Gullapalli, M.D., of Victoria, after determining that Dr. Gullapalli's continuation in the practice of medicine constitutes a continuing threat to the public welfare.

In addition, the panel suspended the two pain management clinic certificates held by Dr. Gullapalli, Lic. No. J1256, after determining that the Houston clinics are not owned by Dr. Gullapalli or any other physician, as required by law.

On March 8, 2011, Board investigators conducted an on-site visit at Winrock Medical Clinic, 2643 Winrock Blvd., in Houston to discuss reports of non-therapeutic prescribing and "pill mill"-type activities with Dr. Gullapalli.

Dr. Gullapalli admitted that the clinic is owned by someone else who pays her \$20,000 a month with a bonus of \$5,000 "if business has been good."

Dr. Gullapalli admitted that she sees patients only for their initial visit. The clinic employs two unlicensed foreign medical graduates who examine patients and write prescriptions which Dr. Gullapalli signs. In addition, Dr. Gullapalli charges patients \$200 to \$300 for monthly "follow-up visits," though the patients are not actually seen but instead receive their prescriptions for controlled substances through the mail.

Dr. Gullapalli told investigators that she goes to the other pain clinic, Houston Pain & Rehabilitation Clinic at 9730 Southwest Freeway Suite 208, once a month to review charts.

The Temporary Suspension Hearing Without Notice took place under the Board's authority granted by the Medical Practice Act. The physician has the opportunity to have a Temporary Suspension Hearing With Notice at least 10 days after notice of the suspension just taken.

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