

Texas Medical Board Press Release

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TMB disciplines 16 physicians at October meeting

At its October 15, 2021 meeting, the Texas Medical Board disciplined 16 licensed physicians.

The disciplinary actions included: two orders related to quality of care violations, four orders related to unprofessional conduct, three voluntary surrenders/revocations, one suspension, one order related to nontherapeutic prescribing, one order related to other states' actions, and four orders related to inadequate medical records. The Board also ratified two cease and desist orders.

The Board issued 197 physician licenses at the October meeting, bringing the total number of physician licenses issued in Fiscal Year 2022 to 733.

RULE CHANGES ADOPTED (AT SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 MEETING)

CHAPTER 174. TELEMEDICINE

The amendments to §174.5, relating to the Issuance of Prescriptions, allow physicians to utilize telemedicine to continue issuing previous prescription(s) for scheduled medications to established chronic pain patients, if the physician has, within the past 90 days, seen a patient in-person or via a telemedicine visit using two-way audio and video communication.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

QUALITY OF CARE

Doe, Andrew L., M.D., Lic. No. P2230, Houston

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Andrew L. Doe, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding him and requiring him to within six months schedule an assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Doe failed to meet the standard of care in his pre-operative and post-operative documentation. Dr. Doe performed a wrong level kyphoplasty procedure that required an emergency laminectomy.

Patel, Vipul, M.D., Lic. No. M4433, Bedford

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Vipul Patel, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within a year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and eight hours in prescribing controlled substances to comorbid patients. The Board found Dr. Patel continued a prescription at discharge that was contraindicated for the patient.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Enty, Don Arthur, M.D., Lic. No. F9399, Colleyville

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Don Arthur Enty, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 36 hours of CME, divided as follows: 12 hours in supervision and delegation, 8 hours in medical ethics, 8 hours in risk management and 8 hours in telemedicine; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Enty aided and abetted six chiropractors in the unlicensed practice of medicine. Dr. Enty failed to adequately assess the patients, obtain informed consent for the treatments, or establish a proper physician-patient relationship.

Karim, Azim Amin, M.D., Lic. No. Q2911, Houston

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Azim Amin Karim, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order 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 30 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Karim self-prescribed medications, including controlled substances and benzodiazepines, and did not maintain any medical records for his self-prescribing, submitted a false statement to the Board, and failed to secure access to his prescriptions, allowing an individual or individuals to issue fraudulent prescriptions using his DEA number.

Mays, Jeffry Patrick M.D., Lic. No. J7815, Brady

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Jeffry Patrick Mays, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program. The Board found Dr. Mays was arrested for allegations of Driving While Intoxicated, open container, and unlawful carry of a concealed weapon.

Seymour, Gregory Todd, M.D., Lic. No. K9663, Tomball

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Gregory Todd Seymour, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order placing him under the following terms for a period of two years: shall abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; shall not seek primary care from any practice partner or colleague; within 30 days obtain a pre-approved rheumatologist, psychiatrist and psychotherapist, and follow all recommendations for care and treatment from these providers; within 30 days obtain a pre-approved physician work-site monitor and be monitored for a period of two years; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for his immediate family or prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or addictive drugs to himself or his immediate family; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than once a week; 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 medical recordkeeping, eight hours in the prescribing of controlled substances and four hours in ethics. The Board found Dr. Seymour self-prescribed controlled substances and failed to comply with the Texas Physician Health Program and the Board's interim monitoring agreements, missing several screens and testing positive for alcohol.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCATION

Bridges, Vancy H., M.D., Lic. No. G7788, Dallas

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Vancy H. Bridges, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Bridges agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Bridges was under investigation based on unprofessional conduct.

De Blanche, Lorraine Emma, M.D., Lic. No. S2278, Tableview, Cape Town, South Africa

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Lorraine Emma De Blanche, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. De Blanche agreed to voluntarily surrender her Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. De Blanche was under investigation by the Board regarding allegations of disciplinary action taken by another state.

Capitaine, Raul R.J., M.D., Lic. No. H4885, Corpus Christi

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Raul R.J. Capitaine, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Capitaine agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

Dr. Capitaine shall immediately cease practice in Texas on or before 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2021. The Board found Dr. Capitaine prescribed controlled substances to and became sexually involved with a psychiatric patient. Dr. Capitaine has been experiencing health issues and wishes to retire.

SUSPENSION

Williams, Machele Elaine, D.O., Lic. No. K4608, Floresville

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Machele Elaine Williams, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension, suspending her Texas medical license until she requests in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide evidence that she is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. Dr. Williams has been restricted from medical practice since September 11, 2020, and received a medical evaluation that determined she is unable to safely practice at this time due to a mental and physical impairment as well as noncompliance with drug and alcohol testing.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Holmes, Michael Wesley, M.D., Lic. No. E7118, Beaumont

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Michael Wesley Holmes, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, four hours in prescribing controlled substances and four hours in medical recordkeeping; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Holmes nontherapeutically prescribed and failed to adhere to established guidelines and requirements for the treatment of pain, and failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment for the patient based on his lack of due diligence. The order does not supersede Dr. Holmes' prior order of temporary suspension.

OTHER STATES' ACTIONS

Syed, Muhammad, M.D., Lic. No. S8127, Las Vegas, NV

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Muhammad Syed, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Syed and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Board found that it was alleged Dr. Syed terminated care of a patient without making other arrangements for the continued care of the patient in violation of Nevada law.

INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

Dang, Hung Thien, M.D., Lic. No. K5500, Arlington

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Hung Thien Dang, 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; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in the topic of treating hypertension, including elderly patients and patients with impaired renal function. The Board found Dr. Dang failed to appropriately document his treatment and rationale for an elderly patient who suffered from existing chronic kidney disease.

Nix, Darryl Dean, D.O., Lic. No. F9883, Dallas

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Darryl Dean Nix, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in recordkeeping, four hours in the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of ADHD and similar psychiatric disorders and four hours in risk management; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Nix did not properly document his justification for higher doses of Adderall and Xanax for a patient.

Stroud, Robert Lee, M.D., Lic. No. E2888, Austin

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Robert Lee Stroud, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within seven days surrender his DEA controlled substances registration certificates and not reregister without prior Board approval; shall not possess, administer, or prescribe controlled substances in Texas; 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. Stroud failed to maintain adequate medical records for patients related to the medications prescribed.

Velimirovic, Bratislav, M.D., Lic. No. P4000, El Paso

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Bratislav Velimirovic, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the TMB Remedial Coaching Program at the University of Texas at Dallas School of Management; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. Velimirovic violated the applicable standard of care in his treatment of four patients by insufficiently documenting the rationale for procedures in the patients' medical records. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

CEASE & DESISTS

Cook, Elizabeth, D.C., Spring

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Elizabeth Cook, D.C., entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Ms. Cook is prohibited from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Cook, who is a licensed chiropractor, is listed as a registered agent and Medical Director for a limited liability company, a wellness clinic, which advertises services that include treatments for hormone imbalance, thyroid disorders, weight loss, and autoimmune disease. There is no contract or other agreement that defines Ms. Cook's scope of practice as it relates to the wellness clinic she is associated with.

Soto, Bryanna, No License, El Paso

On October 15, 2021, the Board and Bryanna Soto entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Ms. Soto is prohibited from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Soto, who is a licensed cosmetologist-aesthetician, performed micro-needling on a patient on two separate occasions to treat acne scars using a 0.25 mm setting on the micro-needling pen.

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