

2003 Press Releases

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61 Doctors Disciplined

During its December 11-12 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against 60 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: six surrenders/revocations, with one stayed under certain terms and conditions; 16 suspensions, with six stayed under certain terms and conditions; 20 restrictions; six public reprimands; and 27 administrative penalties, totaling \$156,000. The Board temporarily suspended the license of one physician since the last Board meeting. At its November 21 meeting, the Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners took action on the license of one physician assistant.

New Licenses Issued

During its December 11-12 Board meeting, the Board approved the licensure applications of 329 physicians.

Rule Changes

The Board adopted the following rule changes that were published in the Texas Register: Chapter 173, Physician Profiles: Rule review with no changes. Chapter 176, Health Care Liability Lawsuits and Settlements: New chapter consistent with Senate Bill 104 regarding reporting responsibilities for licensees against whom a health care liability complaint has been filed and a settlement has been made. Chapter 184, Surgical Assistants: Amendments to §184.4 regarding examination requirements for licensure. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants: Changes to §185.15 concerning a physician's eligibility to supervise a physician assistant. Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia: Rule review with no changes. Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders: Changes to §193.6 concerning applications for waiver and meetings of the Prescriptive Delegation Waiver Advisory Committee. Chapter 194, Non-Certified Radiologic Technicians: Rule review of Chapter 194 and changes to §194.1-194.11 regarding general cleanup and reorganization of the chapter.

Proposed Rule Changes

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the Texas Register and comment: Chapter 165, Medical Records: proposed amendments to §165.1; §165.2 relating to release of medical records, and charges; and new §165.5 relating to transfer and disposal of records. Chapter 193.6, Standing Delegation Orders: proposed change concerning delegation of prescriptive authority related to obstetrical services.

For copies of rule changes or proposed rules, write the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin, TX 78768-2018, or e-mail jill.wiggins@tmb.state.tx.us

ANDERSON, RONALD R., D.O., DALLAS, TX, Lic. #D4462

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Anderson entered into an Agreed Order which placed Dr. Anderson on probation for three years and assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Anderson failed to provide required documentation of CME hours for the time period of September 1, 2001, to August 31, 2002.

ARAGON, GILBERT CHRISTOPHER JR., D.O., IRVING, TX, Lic. #J8886

On 12-12-03 the Board revoked the physician's license. The action was based on conviction of a felony charge of unlawfully obtaining a controlled substance by the use of a false/forged prescription. The physician may file a Motion for Rehearing within 20 days of the Order. If a Motion for Rehearing is filed and the Board denies the motion, the Order is final. If a Motion for Rehearing is filed and the Board grants the motion, the Order is not final and a hearing will be scheduled.

ASH, STEVEN PATTERSON, M.D., GRAPEVINE, TX, Lic. #H2219

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Ash entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. The action was based on Dr. Ash's failure to provide the Board with information in a timely fashion.

BACA, JOSE JESUS II, M.D., EL PASO, TX, Lic. #H9187

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Baca entered into an Agreed Order suspending the physician's license until such time as the physician appears before the Board to provide evidence and information that he is competent to safely practice medicine. The action was based on the physician's self-reporting his chemical abuse and relapse.

BAHRASSA, FERAYDOON S., M.D., COPPELL, TX, Lic. #H3645

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Bahrassa entered into an Agreed Order whereby the Board accepted Dr. Bahrassa's voluntary surrender of his license. The action was based on the physician's failure to document completion of required CME. The physician had ceased the active practice of medicine prior to the initiation of the investigation in this matter.

BALETTE, JULES, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #D6571

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Balette entered into an Agreed Order in which Dr. Balette voluntarily surrendered his license. The basis of the action was due to illness that rendered Dr. Balette unable to continue the practice of medicine.

BARTLETT, RICHARD PAUL, M.D., ODESSA, TX, Lic. #J1865

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Bartlett entered into a Mediated Agreed Order for one year requiring Dr. Bartlett to provide selected patient records to be reviewed by a Board-approved monitor. The monitor shall provide a report that documents any perceived deficiencies and recommendations to improve Dr. Bartlett's practice of medicine. Dr. Bartlett is required to take and pass the Special Purpose Examination for general medical knowledge within one year. The allegations were based upon Dr. Bartlett's inappropriate treatment

of patients with intravenous antibiotics and other medications.

BATES, JAMES DOUGLAS, M.D., DALLAS, TX, Lic. #H0164

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Bates entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding the physician, requiring the physician to maintain an OIG Compliance Plan for a period of three years, and assessing an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Bates required advance payment from patients for services not covered by their health insurance plans but failed to file claims or did not timely file claims for reimbursement so as to refund patients any amounts due.

BEDROS, MEDHAT G., M.D., BAYTOWN, TX, Lic. #H9788

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Bedros entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Bedros to complete certain identified CME and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Bedros had communication with a patient that crossed proper boundaries and that Dr. Bedros made an inappropriate threat of violence.

BLINKOV, ANDREW, M.D., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #K1368

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Blinkov entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Blinkov's license until such time as he provides sufficient evidence and information indicating that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Blinkov had violated his existing Agreed Board Order of 4-5-02.

BOSLEY, CHARLES M, M.D., LOS ANGELES, CA, Lic. #D2989

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Bosley entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. This action was based on allegations that Dr. Bosley failed to maintain adequate medical records.

BUTTS, JEFFREY L., D.O., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #H7939

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Butts entered into a modification of his Agreed Order of 5-19-00. This Agreed Order converted his previous Confidential Non-Public Rehabilitation Order into a public order with the term extended from seven to 10 years. The action was based on Dr. Butts violating his original order by failing to call the drug testing program at least seven times.

BUTZ, MARK ALLAN, M.D., ABILENE, TX, Lic. #J3061

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Butz entered into an Agreed Order restricting the physician's scope of practice to non-patient care. The action was based on the allegation that Dr. Butz failed to meet the standard of care in his performance as an emergency room physician. Specifically, Dr. Butz failed to appropriately diagnose two patients' medical conditions.

CAHILL, ALLEN JOSEPH, M.D., ARLINGTON, TX, Lic. #D2757

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Cahill entered into an Agreed Order requiring the physician to take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. The action resulted from Dr. Cahill's failure to report to authorities a possible sexual

abuse of a minor that was reported to him as required by Tex. Fam. Code Section 261.101(b).

CHAPA, DAUNNE PRATKA, M.D., WICHITA FALLS, TX, Lic. #K7260

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Chapa entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000. This action was based on allegations that Dr. Chapa's office represented that Dr. Chapa was board certified in pediatrics, when in fact Dr. Chapa was not.

CHASE, EARL ROBERT, D.O., PERRYTON, TX, Lic. #L0076

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Chase entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000. The action was based on unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and violation of a Board rule.

CLARK, WILLIAM DALLAS, M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #E4818

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Clark entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. The action was due to allegations that the physician failed to adequately supervise his employees.

DALKOWITZ, MARCUS BROWN, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #C3625

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Dalkowitz entered into an Agreed Order restricting the physician's license to surgical assisting only. The action was based on improper prescribing procedures and inadequate medical records.

DI BONA, DANIEL J., M.D., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #H0294

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Di Bona entered into an Agreed Order suspending the physician's license until such time as the physician appears before the Board to provide evidence he is competent to safely practice medicine. The action was based on substance abuse.

EBY, CHARLES SIDNEY JR., M.D., FORT MYERS, FL, Lic. #D2417

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Eby entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Eby to fulfill all terms of an Order issued by the Florida Medical Examiners on 2-25-03 and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,500. The action was based on an action taken by the Florida Board involving allegations of incomplete medical records and allowing an unlicensed physician to act as a consultant.

EWING, CAROL TILLOTSON, M.D., PORT ARTHUR, TX, Lic. #E3260

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Ewing entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Ewing's license for 30 days, and thereafter placing restrictions on her license and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,000. This action was a result of Dr. Ewing's lack of appropriate control over prescribing practices in her office.

GARZA-VALE, ARNULFO R., M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #E0929

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Garza-Vale entered into an Agreed Order requiring successful passage of the Medical Jurisprudence Examination, CME in appropriate prescribing, and an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Garza-Vale failed to adequately supervise the activities of those acting under his supervision and his failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner.

GORDON, WILLIAM HYATT, JR, M.D., LUBBOCK, TX, Lic. #D0890

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Gordon entered into a Agreed Order suspending the physician's license; staying the suspension; placing the physician on probation for five years; and assessing an administrative penalty of \$50,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Gordon failed to practice medicine in a professional manner and directly aided the practice of medicine by a person that was not duly licensed to practice medicine.

HARDIMON, FLOYD O., D.O., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #D6447

A Temporary Suspension Order was entered on 12-5-03 temporarily suspending the physician's license without notice due to evidence that the physician's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. It is further ordered that the temporary suspension order shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

HARRIS, JUDITH LEE, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #D8544

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Harris entered into an Agreed Order requiring the physician's practice to be monitored, and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,000. The action was due to allegations of improper billing practices.

HEARN, R. E., M.D., SEABROOK, TX, Lic. #C3695

On 12-12-03, the Board and Dr. Hearn entered into an Agreed Order suspending the physician's license due to probation violations. The probation violations included the failure to surrender his DEA and DPS certificates and forms, and failure to have his practice monitored.

HUBNER, RICHARD THOMAS, D.O., THROCKMORTON, TX, Lic. #H0471

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Hubner entered into an Agreed Order suspending his license until such time as Dr. Hubner provides sufficient evidence that he is competent and safe to practice medicine. The action was due to his failure to meet the treatment requirements set out in his 12-13-02 Board Order.

HUGHES, DONALD DUANE, M.D., FORT WORTH, TX, Lic. #E8575

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Hughes entered into an Interim Agreement to have a chaperone present when examining patients under the age of 18. Action due to alleged inappropriate behavior with patients.

KESLER, KEITH E., D.O., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #G9758

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Kesler entered into an Agreed Order revoking the physician's license; however, the revocation was stayed and the physician was placed on probation for 10 years under terms and conditions, including the restriction of his practice to a group or institutional approved setting, and limits on any prescribing activities. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Kesler had improperly over-prescribed controlled substances and dangerous drugs to a patient.

KHAN, RUBAB F., M.D., LAWRENCEVILLE, GA, Lic. #G1060

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Khan entered into an Agreed Order suspending her license. This action was due to Dr. Khan being disciplined by

another state due to her impairment.

LAMBERT, ROBERT MARTIN, M.D., CANYON LAKE, TX, Lic. #H1506

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Lambert entered into an Agreed Order restricting the physician's license for three years, including participation in the chart monitoring program and limitations on his prescribing authority. The action was based on nontherapeutic prescribing practices, failure to perform proper examinations, and failure to maintain complete medical records.

MARTIN, CORWIN DEAN, M.D., SCOTTSDALE, AZ, Lic. #L0398

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Martin entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty of \$1,000. Action based on disciplinary action taken by another state regarding Dr. Martin's failure to perform a complete patient history and physical, and failure to maintain adequate medical records.

McCORKLE, BRANDT HALBERT, D.O., EL PASO, TX, Lic. #F4260

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. McCorkle entered into an Agreed Order. Dr. McCorkle voluntarily and permanently surrendered his Texas medical license. The action was based on allegations that Dr. McCorkle violated his March 1995 Agreed Order by failing to accurately report his consumption of a controlled substance and his failure to meet the standard of care in his performance as a physician. Specifically, Dr. McCorkle failed to appropriately diagnose a patient's medical condition.

NEELY, BYRON DAVIS, M.D., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #D9588

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Neely entered into an Agreed Order suspending the physician's license; staying the suspension; and placing the physician on probation for three years. This action was based on allegations that Dr. Neely had self-prescribed medications with the potential to interfere with his ability to perform surgery. The terms of the order forbid Dr. Neely from self-prescribing medications, and require continuing physical and psychiatric evaluations to verify his fitness to perform surgery.

OGLE, ROBERT CURTIS, D.O., ROCKWALL, TX, Lic. #G0500

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Ogle entered into an Agreed Order revoking Dr. Ogle's license. The action was based on Dr. Ogle's prescribing medication over the Internet to patients he never examined.

OHLEN, ALFRED CARL, JR, M.D., WEST COLUMBIA, TX, Lic. #E3391

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Ohlen entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Ohlen failed to respond to the Board's request for clarification concerning information he reported on his 2002 Physician Annual Registration.

PASKOW, JAMES ANDREW, M.D., THE WOODLANDS, TX, Lic. #H8790

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Paskow entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Paskow's license, staying the suspension, and placing Dr. Paskow on probation for five years. The action was based on inappropriate comments of a sexual nature directed to the daughter of a patient in the emergency room.

PATEL, NANDLAL MANGALDAS, M.D., BIG SPRING, TX, Lic. #J0892

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Patel entered into a Mediated Agreed Order suspending the physician's license; however, the suspension was stayed and Dr. Patel was placed on probation for five years with the requirement of participation in the chart monitoring program and continuing medical education in Board-designated subjects. The action was based on allegations of substandard care.

PETTIT, JAMES C., D.O., WACO, TX, Lic. #F9947

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Pettit entered into an Agreed Order requiring completion of the Medical Jurisprudence Examination and an administrative penalty of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Pettit failed to adequately document treatment provided to an emergency room patient.

PHARO, ARLETTE NAYLOR, D.O., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #H6509

On 12-12-03, the Board and Dr. Pharo entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Pharo failed to release medical records in a timely manner.

PHILLIPS, RANDALL REED, D.O., FORT WORTH, TX, Lic. #H6916

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Phillips entered into an Agreed Order issuing a public reprimand. Action due to an arrest for driving while intoxicated.

POTTERF, RAYMOND DEWAYNE, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #E8824

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Potterf entered into an Agreed Order restricting the physician's license for a period of five years including the requirement of a chaperone to be present with all minor patients. This action was due to a boundary violation with a patient.

POWELL, DAN CLAYTON, M.D., PAMPA, TX, Lic. #J3370

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Powell entered into an Agreed Order issuing a public reprimand and requiring Dr. Powell to fulfill requirements of a monitoring contract between Dr. Powell and the Pampa Regional Medical Center. The action was based on allegations of substandard care delivered to two infants.

PRIESTLEY, JOHN FARISH, D.O., RICHARDSON, TX, Lic. #H4627

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Priestley entered into an Agreed Order suspending his license until such time as Dr. Priestley provides sufficient evidence and information indicating that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. This action was due to Dr. Priestley's relapse and violation his Agreed Board Order of 8-16-02.

QUIROZ, CARLOS ARTURO, D.O., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #K3632

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Quiroz entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. The action was based on the physician's failure to properly release medical records.

RANELLE, JOHN BARRY, D.O., HARLINGEN, TX, Lic. #E9349

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Ranelle entered into an Agreed Order restricting the physician's license by requiring drug screening and assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. This action was based on

allegations that Dr. Ranelle had violated his 12-11-99 Agreed Order by failing to promptly pay the cost and charges associated with his drug and alcohol screening.

RAPHAEL, PETER, M.D., PLANO, TX, Lic. #G8361

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Raphael entered into an Agreed Order that included a 45-day suspension, public reprimand, and probation for 10 years. The action was based on a determination of substandard care that resulted in the death of a patient receiving multiple plastic surgery procedures. The findings of substandard care included issues with anesthesiology, inadequate staffing, length of surgery and the high volume of liposuction performed in an unaccredited outpatient surgical center.

REHMAN, FAIZ UR, M.D., MIDLAND, TX, Lic. #K9642

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Rehman entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Rehman's medical license. The action was based on an allegation that Dr. Rehman performed an angioplasty in which he dissected the coronary artery and failed to have a surgical team available.

RIOS, RUBEN, M.D., SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #H4649

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Rios entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding the physician and assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Rios failed to meet the standard of care by failing to protect a patient's airway during induction of general anesthesia.

RODARTE-ROJAS, SERGIO MANUEL, M.D., EL PASO, TX, Lic. #J8358

On 12-12-03 The Board and Dr. Rodarte-Rojas entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding the physician, assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,500, and requiring the physician to take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Rodarte-Rojas entered into an improper business arrangement that allowed an unlicensed individual to perform and evaluate certain diagnostic tests on patients without the physician personally examining the patient.

RODRIGUEZ, VICTOR M., M.D., SUGAR LAND, TX, Lic. #K1030

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Rodriguez entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Action based on failure to timely release medical records.

SANJAR, MANSOUR R., M.D., BAYTOWN, TX, Lic. #G3069

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Sanjar entered into an Agreed Order for three years that requires selected medical and billing records to be monitored, and continuing medical education in Board-designated specialty areas. Action due to inadequate medical record-keeping and failure to properly manage amounts of controlled substances prescribed to a patient.

SRUNGARAM, RAMESH K., M.D., HOUSTON, TX, Lic. #H1845

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Srungaram entered into a seven-and-half-year Agreed Order that included suspension for six weeks, proctoring and monitoring of bariatric surgeries, CME in risk management, ethics, and record-keeping, and an assessment of an administrative penalty of \$25,000. The action was based on allegations that Dr. Srungaram practiced medicine in

a unprofessional manner and on his failure to have in place adequate pre- and post-operative protocols. Such failures resulted in serious patient harm. In addition Dr. Srungaram was subject to disciplinary action taken by a licensed hospital.

STEELE, DARRYL NEWELL, M.D., EULESS, TX, Lic. #F2945

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Steele entered into an Agreed Order extending the physician's five-year probation to a seven-year probationary term. This action was based on Dr. Steele's failure to have his practice monitored by another physician as required in his 8-26-00 Agreed Order.

STEWART, KERBY JAMES, M.D., AUSTIN, TX, Lic. #J3623

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Stewart entered into an Agreed Order of suspension for seven years; however, the suspension was stayed and Dr. Stewart was placed on probation for seven years under certain terms and conditions including abstaining from alcohol and drugs, and participation in the drug testing program. The action was based on Dr. Stewart's intemperate use of alcohol.

SUNDARESAN, SANJOY, M.D., WICHITA FALLS, TX, Lic. #K1083

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Sundaresan entered into an Agreed Order for one year. Selected medical records will be monitored and the physician will pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. Action due to inadequate documentation in operative reports.

TRIPLETT, RICHARD DANIEL, M.D., SPRING, TX, Lic. #J3251

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Triplett entered into an Agreed Order assessing an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. The action was based on Dr. Triplett's failure to provide documentation of CME for the period 9-1-01 to 8-31-02.

VICTORES, RUBEN DARIO, M.D., BEAUMONT, TX, Lic. #H9727

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Victores entered into an Agreed Order restricting Dr. Victore's license for three years under terms and conditions, including monitoring his practice. The Board also assessed a \$5,000 administrative penalty. This action was based on allegations that Dr. Victores did not call for a cesarean section upon becoming aware of a breech presentation, resulting in injury to the infant.

WALKER, RANDALL DEAN, M.D., MAGNOLIA, TX, Lic. #G5744

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Walker entered into an Agreed Order suspending the physician's license. The action was based on Dr. Walker's violation of his prior Agreed Order by failing to abstain from alcohol.

YANDELL, ROGER BRYAN, M.D., CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, Lic. #F7335

On 12-12-03 the Board and Dr. Yandell entered into an Agreed Order suspending the physician's license. The action was based on Dr. Yandell's intemperate use of alcohol and/or controlled substances.

YIM, ROGER S., D.O., GARLAND, TX, Lic. #L1246

On 11-24-03 the Board and Dr. Yim entered into an Agreed Order which included a public reprimand, an administrative penalty of \$5,000, passing the Medical Jurisprudence Examination, a practice monitor, and an additional five

hours of CME in the areas of ethics and pain management, including the completion of "Maintaining Proper Boundaries," a CME taught by Vanderbilt University. The action was due to allegations of boundary violations, improper record-keeping, and prescribing for a family member.

Physician Assistant

MORGAN, KEVIN DANIEL, SAN ANTONIO, TX, Lic. #PA00930

On 11-21-03 the Board and Mr. Morgan entered into an Agreed Order suspending Mr. Morgan's physician assistant license; however, the suspension was stayed and Mr. Morgan was placed on probation for five years under certain terms and conditions. The action was based on Mr. Morgan's habitual use of drugs or intoxicating liquor.

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