



Collaborative Management of Glaucoma

In 1999, the Texas Legislature passed HB 1051, addressing the issue of untreated glaucoma by authorizing therapeutic optometrists to diagnose and treat patients with glaucoma under a limited set of circumstances with a co-managing ophthalmologist. Subsequent to the law taking effect, both the Texas Optometry Board and the Texas Medical Board adopted rules to implement the provisions of collaborative management of glaucoma. The relevant statutory and rule sections are cited below:

- Texas Optometry Act, Section 351.3581, Occupations Code
- TMB Rule 193.19. "Collaborative Management of Glaucoma," (under Chapter 193 "Standing Delegation Orders).

TMB Rule 193.19 outlines minimum standards for collaborative management of glaucoma for the treating ophthalmologist. There are 10 basic guidelines listed as follows:

- 1) The ophthalmologist will confirm the diagnosis within 30 days of the diagnosis of glaucoma made by the optometrist. While the ophthalmologist may, in his or her discretion, require that the patient visit the ophthalmologist for a face-to-face visit, such a face-to-face visit is not mandated. The ophthalmologist may, at the ophthalmologist's discretion, rely upon the results of diagnostic tests performed originally by the optometrist, unless reaffirmation is needed.
- 2) The ophthalmologist must communicate in written form the confirmation of the diagnosis within 30 days, as well as the refinement of the treatment plan as recommended by the optometrist.
- 3) A proper medical record must be generated for each patient by the ophthalmologist and shall include all correspondence and testing results. The medical record must also include a written note made in the record by the ophthalmologist or a copy of the written informed consent demonstrating that the patient understands that he or she is participating in a co-

management of primary open angle glaucoma.

- 4) The necessity for follow-up visits will be at the discretion of the ophthalmologist based on the communication of the patient's progress by the optometrist.
- 5) The ophthalmologist must report any irregular behavior of the optometrist to the Texas Medical Board for referral to the Texas Optometry Board.
- 6) The ophthalmologist must enter into the patient's written medical records that the ophthalmologist has elected to enter into a co-management agreement with an optometrist.
- 7) It is at the discretion of the ophthalmologist to complete a clinical skills assessment with each optometrist in which a co-management arrangement exists. The ophthalmologist will, however, receive written confirmation and documentation that the co-managing optometrist has completed all of the requirements of the Optometric Health Care Advisory Committee to obtain the designation of "optometric glaucoma specialist."
- 8) A physician may charge a reasonable consultation fee for a consultation given when a patient is referred with a diagnosis of primary open angle glaucoma.

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- 9) When a physician examines a patient involved in a co-management consultation with a therapeutic optometrist for treatment of primary open angle glaucoma, the physician shall forward to the therapeutic optometrist, not later than the 30th day following the examination, a written report on the results of the examination. A physician who, for a medically appropriate reason, does not return a patient to the therapeutic optometrist, shall state in the physician's report to the therapeutic optometrist the specific medical reason for failing to return the patient.
- 10) In order to enter into a co-management agreement with an optometrist, there must be an agreement between the two professionals that, following each visit, specified information, previously agreed upon

Ebola Task Force Issues Recommendations Report

On Dec. 4, the Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response issued its full report and recommendations regarding the state's capabilities to prepare for and respond to infectious diseases, such as the Ebola virus and other emerging pathogens.

Key recommendations from the report include education efforts for health care providers on preparedness, guidelines on the care and monitoring of domestic animals, creation of a mobile app for real-time reporting of data to assist in identifying potential contacts, and the establishment of specialized treatment facilities.

Other recommendations included issuance of a standardized triage protocol for identifying and diagnosing Ebola patients; implementing a stockpile for personal protective equipment (PPE); guidelines for the monitoring of individuals returning to Texas from Ebola-endemic areas in West Africa; and authority for the governor to declare a "State of Infectious Disease Emergency" that would enable a more rapid and coordinated public health response.

The full report can be viewed [here](#) (PDF).

by both the ophthalmologist and the optometrist, about the patient examined will be forwarded to the other practitioner.

RESOURCES

- Texas Medical Board Rules—<http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules>
- Texas Optometry Act—<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/OC/htm/OC.351.htm>

Editor's Note: The preceding article is intended for general guidance only and does not replace the text of applicable Board rules and laws or ensure compliance.

Dr. Varma Appointed to Medical Board

Dr. Surendra K. Varma, M.D., of Lubbock, has been appointed to the Texas Medical Board.



Varma

Dr. Varma is associate dean of Graduate Medical Education and Resident Affairs at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). He is the Ted Hartman Endowed Chair in Medical Education and vice-chairman of Pediatrics at the TTUHSC School of Medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology. He is a member of the American and Texas Pediatric societies, American and Texas Medical associations, Pediatric Endocrine Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, Society for Pediatric Research, The Endocrine Society, American Diabetes Association, Academic Pediatric Association and previously served on the Texas Medical Board District Three Review Committee. Dr. Varma is also a member of the Texas Medical Foundation Health Quality Institute Board of Trustees, past president of the Texas Pediatric Society and the Lubbock, Crosby and Garza County Medical societies, and a past member of the U.S. Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Dr. Varma received a medical degree from King George's Medical University and completed his pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology fellowships at Harvard Medical School.

Board Rule Changes

The following rule changes were adopted by the Board during the November meeting. 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>

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CHAPTER 163. LICENSURE

§163.7, Ten Year Rule

The Amendment to rule 163.7, relating to the Ten Year Rule, amends the rule to eliminate the requirement of current board certification and simply allows proof of passage of a written, monitored specialty certification examination from a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists, or by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery by an applicant to satisfy the ten year rule without holding current board certification.

CHAPTER 183. ACUPUNCTURE

§183.4, Licensure

The Amendments to rule 183.4, relating to Licensure and the demonstrated ability of licensure applicants to communicate in English, amends 183.4(a)(8)(B) by adding an updated Test of English as Foreign language (TOEFL) test score requirement for Internet Based Testing (iBT®), reflecting TOEFL's new test score scale, and deleting the outdated referenced to TOEFL's former test score scale. The amendment is made so that the TOEFL test requirement correctly references TOEFL's current test score scale.

§183.11, Complaint Procedure Notification

The Amendments to rule 183.11, relating to Complaint Procedure Notification, amends the rule to correct an incorrect citation to Section 187 to the correct citation to Section 178 of this title relating to Complaint Procedure Notification. The amendment is made so that the citation in the rule is accurate and correct and consistent with Texas statutes.

CHAPTER 190. DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

§190.8, Violation Guidelines

The Amendment to rule 190.8, relating to Violations Guidelines, corrects the spelling of the term "meningococcal" in subsection (1)(L)(iii)(II)(d)

Rules Reminder: Electronic Death Registration

If you're a physician and you will EVER be called upon to sign a death certificate, state law requires you to register with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to file the certificate electronically. (See Tex. Health and Safety Code, [§193.005](#).)

You cannot wait until a death has occurred in order to register. It takes DSHS seven to ten business days to process new enrollments.

If you end up having to complete a paper death certificate because you didn't timely register for electronic filing, the Texas Medical Board may be required to take action based on the violation.

To register for electronic filing, follow this link to Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) Death Registration:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/field/TER-Help-Desk-for-Death-Registration/>

For assistance with a TER issue that is not addressed on the website listed above, you may email help-TER@texasvsu.org and include the following:

- Detailed information in the subject line (Example: "Having Problems Electronically Verifying a Death Record in TER Death")
- Your Name
- Your business or facility name
- The EDR number (for death records)
- The name on the record
- Date of the event
- Contact phone number
- Detailed information on the issue you are experiencing, including the events that led up to the issue

You can also contact the TER Help Desk line at 888-963-7111 ext. 3490.

Formal Complaints

Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Narang, Harcharan Singh, M.D., Houston	L5481	11/6/14	Failure to meet the standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.
Marquis, Alejandro Felix, M.D., Houston	K1248	11/17/14	Failure to meet the standard of care; unprofessional conduct; improper supervision; inadequate medical records.
Morgan, Courtney Ricardo, M.D., Victoria	M8195	11/21/14	Failure to meet the standard of care; nontherapeutic prescribing; unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records.

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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

Green, Ronald Alan, M.D., Lic. No. L6405, Houston

On December 10, 2014, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas medical license of Ronald Alan Green, 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. Green operated an unregistered pain clinic and improperly supervised a physician assistant who was nontherapeutically prescribing controlled substances to multiple patients. Furthermore, several patients at issue were involved in a criminal investigation relating to obtaining controlled substances for distribution regarding prescriptions obtained at Dr. Green's clinic. Based on these findings, the panel determined Dr. Green is a continuing threat to both patients and the public. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Okechuku, Theodore Emeka, M.D., Lic. No. L0888, Dallas

On October 24, 2014, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Theodore Emeka Okechuku 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. Okechuku on December 3, 2013 was indicted in United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas on one count of Conspiracy to Unlawfully Distribute a Controlled Substance. Dr. Okechuku was granted a pre-trial release with certain conditions, including a condition that he not violate federal or state law. On August 29, 2014, the Board entered an Agreed Order with certain terms and conditions based on Dr. Okechuku's failure to meet the standard of care in the treatment, prescribing, and recordkeeping related to his care of multiple pain management patients. On October 6, 2014, the U.S. Attorney filed an Ex-Parte Motion for Arrest and Revocation of Pre-Trial Release against Dr. Okechuku which was granted, finding probable cause that Dr. Okechuku violated a term of his pre-trial release and he was subsequently arrested. The Board panel found Dr. Okechuku was in violation of his Pre-Trial Release and was engaging in the same conduct alleged in the indictment by continuing to unlawfully prescribe prescriptions for hydrocodone and other controlled substances. The federal government stated in its Motion that Dr. Okechuku is operating a "pill mill." Dr. Okechuku's violation of the terms of his Pre-Trial Release, in particular his pill mill activities, constitutes a continuing threat to both patients and the public. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Okechuku, unless the hearing is

specifically waived by Dr. Okechuku. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Taylor, Thomas Vincent, M.D., Lic. No. K2297, Houston

On December 12, 2014, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Thomas Vincent Taylor, 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. Taylor engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a patient during the course of a videotaped patient encounter. During the encounter, Dr. Taylor examined the patient for a rash and discussed medication instructions. Following the examination, Dr. Taylor engaged in sexual contact with the patient and another individual who was in the exam room. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Taylor, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Taylor. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

QUALITY OF CARE

Baumgartner, Teri Lynne, M.D., Lic. No. K6959, Athens

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Teri Lynne Baumgartner, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Baumgartner within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in treating high risk pregnancy. The Board found Dr. Baumgartner failed to meet the standard of care in regards to one patient by failing to adequately assess and treat the patient's symptoms and failing to adequately document the medical records as to the patient's noncompliance with treatment.

Dave, Pramesh Chandrakant, M.D., Lic. No. K0014, Arlington

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Pramesh Chandrakant Dave, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Dave and requiring Dr. Dave to within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in liposuction procedures and complications, with at least four hours in risk management, and four hours in medical ethics; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Dave's medical recordkeeping was inadequate, primarily in regard to anesthesia monitoring as well as patients' discharge criteria and post-discharge arrangements; and there was concern about the volume of aspirate removed from one patient, as well as the technical aspects of the procedure.

Mayo, Carlos O., M.D., Lic. No. K3329, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Carlos O. Mayo, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Mayo to have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE); and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in obstetrical care. The Board found Dr. Mayo failed to use further laboratory analysis to confirm or rule out early pregnancy. Dr. Mayo should have at least used quantitative beta HCG testing, but he did not do so. The Board also found Dr. Mayo's medical records lacked sufficient documentation of the history and physicals he performed and his recommendation for treatment.

Medina, Marelyn, M.D., Lic. No. J9759, McAllen

On November 7, 2014, the Board entered a Final Order publicly reprimanding Marelyn Medina, M.D., and requiring Dr. Medina to 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 in ethics, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in endocrinology and diseases of the thyroid; and have her practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Medina failed to meet the standard of care in her diagnosing and treatment of hypothyroidism and iodine deficiency in a patient. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Medina has 20 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Moore, Robert Alan, M.D., Lic. No. E6533, Bellaire

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Robert Alan Moore, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Moore to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Moore admitted to wrong-site lumbar area radiofrequency ablation to a patient's right lumbar region instead of the left region without the patient's consent. Although the patient needed ablation on both sides, Dr. Moore and the patient had agreed to the ablation on the left side first.

Rozenboom, Morgen Melinda, M.D., Lic. No. K2115, Texarkana

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Morgen Melinda Rozenboom, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Dr. Rozenboom from engaging in the practice of obstetrics, labor and delivery, or home births, and prohibiting her from supervising, delegating to, or associating with any midlevel providers including midwives in such practices until successfully completing the following requirements: within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in managing obstetrical emergencies, eight hours in risk management, including physician-patient communications and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; within one year obtain certification in neonatal resuscitation from the Neonatal Resuscitation Program offered by the American Medical Association of Pediatrics; and

upon lifting the restriction, have her practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles. The Board found Dr. Rozenboom failed to document her management of a patient's post-partum complications, including her assessment of the patient or what actions she took to stabilize the patient. The medical records demonstrate that the patient's vital signs were not monitored with appropriate frequency or regularity during the post-partum period, including when the patient exhibited signs of respiratory distress. The documentation that does exist contains errors and inaccuracies. Furthermore, Dr. Rozenboom did not honor the patient's request to be transferred to the hospital sooner.

Schrapps, Jerome Francis, M.D., Lic. No. J2907, Beaumont

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Jerome Francis Schrapps, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Schrapps to have his practice monitored for eight consecutive monitoring cycles by another physician; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: 16 hours in identifying and treating post-operative complications and eight hours in ethics, with at least two of those hours in obtaining informed consent from patients. The Board found Dr. Schrapps failed to document any discussion with a patient regarding plans to conduct a sleeve gastrectomy, and failed to document written informed consent. Dr. Schrapps appropriately recognized that the patient's medical issues were possibly secondary to a gastric leak, but did not take the patient back to surgery to address the leak on a timely basis. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Jolivet, David Anthony, M.D., Lic. No. G2160, Carlsbad

On November 7, 2014, the Board and David Anthony Jolivet, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Jolivet to submit to an evaluation by the Physician Health Program (PHP); and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours of risk management, four hours in ethics and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Jolivet admitted to prescribing controlled substances to his family members beyond the 72-hour period of immediate need and without maintaining adequate medical records, admitted to striking a family member in a dispute, and admitted to struggles with depression and alcohol consumption.

Miller, George Givens, M.D., Lic. No. G8286, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and George Givens Miller, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Miller to within one year complete at least eight hours in CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical ethics and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Miller failed to report a pending investigation by a health care entity to the Board when he filed his online renewal applications in 2006 and 2008. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Smith, Raleigh Arnold, M.D., Lic. No. F4547, Aransas Pass

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Raleigh Arnold Smith, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Smith to submit to and obtain an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; within one year successfully complete 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 ethics and four hours in risk management. The Board found Dr. Smith engaged in inappropriate conduct and made unprofessional comments towards a co-worker in the presence of a patient and hospital staff and failed to notify the Board of actions by hospitals during the appropriate license renewal periods on his applications for renewal. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

REVOCAATION

Gonzalez-Angulo, Ana Maria, M.D., Lic. No. L6917, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Ana Maria Gonzalez-Angulo, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation, revoking Dr. Gonzalez-Angulo's Texas medical license and requiring her to immediately cease practicing in Texas. Dr. Gonzalez-Angulo agreed to the revocation of her license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found that on September 29, 2014, in the 248th District Court of Harris County, Texas, a jury found Dr. Gonzalez-Angulo guilty of one count of the first degree felony offense of Aggravated Assault of a Family Member. Dr. Gonzalez-Angulo was sentenced to serve 10 years in prison.

Hawkins, Willie James, M.D., Lic. No. G2147, Missouri City

On November 7, 2014, the Board entered a Final Order revoking Willie James Hawkins, M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found that Dr. Hawkins on November 19, 2012, in the 337th District Court, Harris County, Texas, pled guilty to a violation of the Medical Practice Act, a Class A Misdemeanor. The presiding judge found that the evidence substantiated Dr. Hawkins' guilt, but deferred making an adjudication of guilt and, instead, placed him on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years. The order of deferred adjudication issued against Dr. Hawkins stemmed from his September 2011 through February 2012 tenure as the operator, and supervising physician at the Wellness and Weightloss Clinic, located in Houston, Texas. Dr. Hawkins failed to exercise the proper diligence and oversight that those roles entail. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Hawkins has 20 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Johnson, Rahman C., M.D., Lic. No. BP10043418, Albuquerque, NM

On November 7, 2014, the Board entered a Default Order against Rahman C. Johnson, M.D., which revoked his Texas medical license. On March 28, 2014, the Board filed a Complaint with

the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in Docket No. 503-14-2947. The Complaint alleged Dr. Johnson was terminated from his residency program following an arrest for driving while intoxicated. Dr. Johnson was served notice of the Complaint but did not file an answer. All other deadlines passed without any response from Dr. Johnson, therefore the Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Johnson's Texas medical license was revoked by Default Order.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Dunegan, Gerald, M.D., Lic. No. D0856, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Gerald Dunegan, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Dunegan agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Dunegan was under investigation for allegations related to his practice and prescribing habits. Dr. Dunegan reported to the Board that he has a physical condition that prevents him from continuing to practice medicine.

Gutierrez, Jaime Alberto, M.D., Lic. No. D2109, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Jaime Alberto Gutierrez, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order on Formal Filing in which Dr. Gutierrez agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license effective 120 days from the date of this order in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Gutierrez's license is therefore permanently canceled on March 7, 2014. Dr. Gutierrez was the subject of a formal complaint at the State Office of Administrative Hearings related to the operation of unlicensed pain management clinics, improper supervision of midlevel providers, nontherapeutic prescribing and standard of care violations related to six patients. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Lewis, Billy Wayne, M.D., Lic. No. D7149, Bedford

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Billy Wayne Lewis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Lewis agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Dr. Lewis reported to the Board that he has a medical condition which precludes him from practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

Raben, Cyril Anthony, M.D., Lic. No. H6922, Fayetteville, AR

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Cyril Anthony Raben, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order in which Dr. Raben agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Raben surrendered his license to practice in Ohio, with consent to permanent revocation, after allegations of misconduct by the State Medical Board of Ohio. Dr. Raben was also denied application to renew his license by the state of Illinois based on the actions by the state of Ohio.

Salameh, Raja Nicolas, M.D., Lic. No. G9654, McAllen

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Raja Nicolas Salameh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Salameh agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Salameh is unable to practice medicine because of illness.

SUSPENSION

Halberdier, John Edward, M.D., Lic. No. D9475, Conroe

On October 20, 2014, the Board entered an Automatic Suspension Order regarding John Edward Halberdier, M.D., requiring Dr. Halberdier to immediately cease practicing as a physician in Texas until he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, personally appears before the Board and provides sufficient evidence which, in the discretion of the Board, proves he is in compliance with all terms of his June 2013 Order. The Board found Dr. Halberdier violated terms of the June 2013 Order by failing to take and pass the SPEX Exam within the required time frame.

Sanjar, Mansour R., M.D., Lic. No. G3069, Baytown

On October 7, 2014, the Board entered an Order of Suspension By Operation of Law, suspending Mansour R. Sanjar, M.D.'s Texas medical license. The Board found that on March 12, 2014, in the U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, a jury found Dr. Sanjar guilty of a felony, as follows: one count of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud, two counts of Health Care Fraud, one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and to Pay Health Care Kickbacks, and two counts of Payment and Receipt of Healthcare Kickbacks. Dr. Sanjar's sentencing is scheduled for January 12, 2015. The Order remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent Order of the Board.

Ware, John Roscoe, M.D., Lic. No. G0260, Dallas

On November 7, 2014, the Board and John Roscoe Ware, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Suspension, suspending Dr. Ware's Texas medical license until such a time as he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, and appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. The Board found Dr. Ware underwent a neuropsychological examination in 2013 and was diagnosed with mild dementia and significant executive dysfunction. The weight of the clinical evidence indicates Dr. Ware is not currently safe to practice medicine.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Khaznadar, Mohamedaouf A., M.D., Lic. No. K1504, Amarillo

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Mohamedaouf A. Khaznadar, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Khaznadar and requiring Dr. Khaznadar to pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Khaznadar entered a guilty plea and received deferred adjudication for a misdemeanor charge of offering to engage in sexual

conduct on October 28, 2013.

PEER REVIEW ACTIONS

Davis, Jennifer Lee, M.D., Lic. No. J4070, Corpus Christi

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Jennifer Lee Davis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Davis to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management, four hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in ethics; and comply with all terms and conditions imposed by the November 7, 2013, Medical Staff Performance Improvement Committee action requiring proctoring at Driscoll Children's Hospital. The Board found Dr. Davis was subject to disciplinary action by Driscoll Children's Hospital regarding her medical recordkeeping.

Sokhon, Kozhaya Chehade, M.D., Lic. No. M9668, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Kozhaya Chehade Sokhon, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Sokhon and requiring Dr. Sokhon to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in cardiac catheterization, eight hours in risk management and four hours in ethics; within 180 days complete the competency course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 within 120 days. The Board found Dr. Sokhon violated the standard of care regarding his care and treatment of the patient at issue. Dr. Sokhon was subject to discipline by peer review at Conroe Medical Center, and resigned from that facility while under investigation.

Wolffe, Eduardo Antonio, M.D., Lic. No. M0313, El Segundo, CA

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Eduardo Antonio Wolffe, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Wolffe and requiring Dr. Wolffe to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Wolffe voluntarily resigned from a practice position with a hospital while under, or to avoid, an investigation based on his delivery of care and treatment for two patients.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Kobs, Darcey Gus, III, M.D., Lic. No. H8180, Bellaire

On November 17, 2014, the Board and Darcey Gus Kobs, III, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Kobs; suspending Dr. Kobs for three months after which time the suspension will be lifted for the sole purpose of undergoing an assessment by the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program's Clinical Competency Assessment Program to determine if Dr. Kobs is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to practice medicine; limiting Dr. Kobs' practice to pathology; requiring Dr. Kobs to surrender his DEA/DPS controlled substances registration certificates within seven days; prohibiting Dr. Kobs from administering, dispensing, and prescribing controlled substances, and

from ordering the administration, dispensing, or prescribing of controlled substances; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in ethics; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Kobs and/or midlevel providers working under Dr. Kobs' supervision and delegation prescribed medications, including controlled substances, to 18 patients without a legitimate medical purpose; failed to adequately document medical rationale, assessment, and evaluation of the patients and failed to order appropriate diagnostics to support such treatment; failed to follow the Board's guidelines relating to the treatment of chronic pain; pre-signed blank prescription forms and Dr. Kobs failed to adequately supervise midlevel practitioners working under his supervision. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

INAPPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING

Cary, Adam Brian, D.O., Lic. No. M2581, Frisco

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Adam Brian Cary, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Cary to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management and eight hours in ethics; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Cary prescribed to one patient with whom he had a close personal relationship without adequate documentation of a clinical diagnosis and for time periods exceeding the patient's immediate needs.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER

Brown, Forrest Carroll, M.D., Lic. No. D3169, Dallas

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Forrest Carroll Brown, M.D., entered into a Modified Agreed Order requiring Dr. Brown to within one month complete an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Brown has not complied with terms of his June 2013 Order. All other provisions of the Order, as modified, remain in full force.

Matthews, Jonathan Richard, D.O., Lic. No. L9803, Trophy Club

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Jonathan Richard Matthews, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Matthews to within 90 days complete all outstanding CME requirements as required by his June 2013 Orders. The Board found Dr. Matthews failed to complete all CME requirements of his June 2013 Orders by the deadlines set forth in the Orders.

Rousch, Daniel Eric, D.O., Lic. No. J4488, Bedford

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Daniel Eric Rousch, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Rousch to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 90 days complete all deficient CME hours ordered by the 2013 Order. The Board found Dr. Rousch violated his February 2013 order by failing to implement recommendations of his practice monitor and failing to complete any pre-approved CME

hours at the time of his Informal Settlement Conference.

VIOLATION OF BOARD RULES

McWherter, Joseph Francis, M.D., Lic. No. E8713, Fort Worth

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Joseph Francis McWherter, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. McWherter to remove the "while avoiding breast cancer" language from his website and provide proof to the Board of such removal within 30 days; within one year complete at least four hours of CME in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found the following statement on Dr. McWherter's website had the potential to be false, deceptive, and/or misleading if taken out of context, "[h]is program allows women to experience the life-enhancing benefits of hormonal replacement safely while avoiding breast cancer." This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Mercer, Lloyd Faust, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. G3610, Tyler

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Lloyd Faust Mercer, Jr., M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Dr. Mercer from treating patients for chronic pain or engaging in the practice of pain management; shall not seek to reinstate DEA/DPS controlled substance registration certificates for Schedules II, III, IIIN, and IV; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for immediate family, and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to himself or his immediate family; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Mercer failed to adhere to treatment, monitoring, and documentation requirements regarding six chronic pain patients, four of which were his family members. Dr. Mercer's treatment was not within the standard of care.

Shaw-Rice, Judi Ann, M.D., Lic. No. J1134, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Judi Ann Shaw-Rice, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Shaw-Rice and requiring Dr. Shaw-Rice to not reregister or obtain DEA/DPS controlled substances certificates until authorized by the Board; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least 10 hours of CME, divided as follows: five hours in medical ethics and five hours in medical recordkeeping; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; not be permitted to delegate prescriptive authority for controlled drugs, but shall otherwise be authorized to supervise midlevel providers; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 within one year. The Board found Dr. Shaw-Rice submitted an application for a pain management clinic in which she inaccurately stated that she owned the clinic, which was actually owned by a non-physician; midlevels supervised by Dr. Shaw-Rice failed to follow the Board's guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain; and Dr. Shaw-Rice's midlevels failed to fully and properly follow protocols to monitor the patients for effectiveness of treatments, side effects, or abuse or diversion of medica-

tions.

Sorrels, William F., D.O., Lic. No. F7187, San Angelo

On November 7, 2014, the Board and William F. Sorrels, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Sorrels to within one year complete at least 21 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, eight hours in medical recordkeeping, and five hours in doctor-patient communications; and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Sorrels prescribed naltrexone to a patient without obtaining a complete history and physical exam, and failed to maintain a medical record for the treatment of the patient.

Trevino, Jose De Jesus, M.D., Lic. No. F2074, Corpus Christi

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Jose De Jesus Trevino, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Trevino to have his practice monitored by another physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in the treatment of chronic pain. The Board found Dr. Trevino's record of clinical evaluation and documentation supporting prescribing were inadequate.

TEXAS PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) VIOLATION

Illich, Melanie Bivona, M.D., Lic. No. J2104, Waco

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Melanie Bivona Illich, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Illich to limit her practice to no more than 40 hours per week; prohibiting her from taking night or weekend call and shall arrange for call coverage; shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for her immediate family and shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs to herself or immediate family; undergo a 96-hour inpatient evaluation for substances abuse; continue to participate in Alcoholics Anonymous no less than five times a week; obtain a Board-approved treating psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; participate in activities of a county or state medical society committee on physician health and rehabilitation; abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; and participate in the Board's drug testing program. The Board found Dr. Illich failed to comply with the terms of her Physician Health Program (PHP) agreement related to the use of alcohol.

INADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS

Brimmer, Robert Alvah, II, M.D., Lic. No. K3110, Fort Worth

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Robert Alvah Brimmer, II, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Brimmer to pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found that the evidence was sufficient to support the entry of this Order due to the failure to document the rationale regarding the care of one inmate patient. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Gross, Robert Hadley, M.D., Lic. No. G5125, San Angelo

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Robert Hadley Gross, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring Dr. Gross to within 90 days submit an adequate written protocol to the Compliance Department of the Board; 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 risk management. The Board found Dr. Gross did not adequately maintain adequate medical records with regard to seven patients. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

James, Kevin Bernard, M.D., Lic. No. M4201, Southlake

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Kevin Bernard James, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. James to within one year complete the K-STAR risk management course; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. James inadequately documented his conversations with a patient as to the rationale for surgery. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Saqer, Rezik A., M.D., Lic. No. K2282, Houston

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Rezik A. Saqer, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring Dr. Saqer 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 pay an administrative penalty of \$500 within 60 days. The Board found Dr. Saqer's medical records did not fully comply with the Board's medical recordkeeping rules. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Ward, Gregory A., M.D., Lic. No. K1126, Fort Worth

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Gregory A. Ward, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Ward to within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME in medical recordkeeping. The Board found Dr. Ward incorrectly dictated and described a procedure that was different than the procedure he actually performed on the patient. Dr. Ward dictated the operative note several days after surgery and did not review the note before electronically signing it.

CEASE AND DESIST

Gogia, Prem P., No License, Sugar Land

On November 7, 2014, the Board and Prem P. Gogia entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting Mr. Gogia from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. Mr. Gogia shall not refer to himself as doctor; Dr. Gogia; or Prem P. Gogia, M.D., without clearly designating that he is not licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Gogia improperly held himself out to the public using titles of "Dr." and "Doctor" and the suffix "M.D." in his business cards and within his advertisements.

Paletta, Antonio Giovanni, No License, Round Rock

On October 27, 2014, a Board panel directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order against Antonio Giovanni Paletta requiring him to immediately cease from engaging in the practice of medicine without a license and from referring to himself as a doctor or physician in any manner, including by referring to himself as “doctor,” “Dr.,” or “M.D.,” unless he also designates the authority under which the title is used or the college or honorary degree that gives rise to the use of the title. The Board panel found that Mr. Paletta engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine and held himself out as a doctor during the airing of a local radio show.

Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION

Behm, Jennifer Lynn, P.A., Lic. No. PA05562, Houston

On October 14, 2014, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas physician assistant license of Jennifer Lynn Behm, P.A., after determining her continuation in practice as a physician assistant would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Ms. Behm violated the standard of care by prescribing medications in a nontherapeutic manner that poses a continuing threat to both her patients and the public. During a joint practice site visit with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Board staff found blank prescription forms in the possession of an unlicensed health care provider that included Ms. Behm’s name and the name of her supervising physician which were all pre-stamped with Ms. Behm’s signature stamp. Furthermore, the Board panel found Ms. Behm’s supervising physician surrendered his DEA controlled substances certificates for Schedules II – V. The surrender was effective on or about September 16, 2014, and was related to his alleged failure to comply with federal requirements pertaining to controlled substances. Ms. Behm continued to write prescriptions for controlled substances after her supervising physician surrendered his DEA registration and even though she no longer had authority to prescribe controlled substances. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Lewis, David William, P.A., Lic. No. PA04323, Plano

On December 16, 2014, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas physician assistant license of David William Lewis, P.A., after determining his continuation in practice as a physician assistant would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel convened on December 16, 2014; however, prior to the receipt of any evidence, the parties reached an agreement which adequately protects the public. The Board panel received information that Mr. Lewis has a mental or physical condition that

renders him unable to safely perform as a physician assistant. The mental or physical condition resulted from a closed-head traumatic head injury that Mr. Lewis sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Mr. Lewis does not agree with the assessment, but acknowledges that further evaluation of his ability to practice as a physician assistant is warranted; therefore Mr. Lewis agreed to obtain an independent medical evaluation from a Board-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment prior to a follow up Informal Settlement Conference. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

SUSPENSION

Cooper, William Levi, P.A., Lic. No. PA04093, Bryan

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and William Levi Cooper, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order, suspending Mr. Cooper’s Texas physician assistant license until he requests in writing to have the suspension stayed or lifted, personally appears before the Board and provides clear and convincing evidence that proves, in the discretion of the Board, that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Such evidence and information shall include at a minimum, the following: obtain an independent medical evaluation by a Board approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; and within three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Mr. Cooper was the subject of an investigation by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations for allegations of engaging in sexual relations with three female inmates. On April 2014, the Board issued an Order of Temporary Suspension against Mr. Cooper based on evidence of the sexual boundary violations alleged. The panel found that there was evidence that Mr. Cooper engaged in inappropriate sexual relationships with inmate patients under his care and treatment.

REVOCACTION

Boyle, John, P.A., Lic. No. PA00219, Houston

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered a Final Order revoking John Boyle, P.A.’s Texas physician assistant license. The Board found that Mr. Boyle prescribed medications to six patients in a manner that did not comply with the Board’s pain management guidelines. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Mr. Boyle has 20 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

VOLUNTARY REVOCACTION

Omamogho, Rose Gbubemi, P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA04033, Katy

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and

Rose Gbubemi Omamogho, P.A.-C., entered into an Agreed Order of Revocation, revoking Ms. Omamogho's Texas physician assistant license and requiring her to immediately cease practice in Texas. Ms. Omamogho agreed to the revocation of her license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Ms. Omamogho was under investigation by the Board for her association with an illegal pain management clinic and for allegations that she prescribed controlled substances in a nontherapeutic manner to 10 patients. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Hill, Alice Vela, P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA03877, Houston

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Alice Vela Hill, P.A.-C., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order prohibiting Ms. Hill from treating chronic pain or engaging in the practice of pain management; requiring Ms. Hill to have her practice monitored by a physician for eight consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$4,000 within 120 days. The Board found Ms. Hill's treatment of 15 patients was not supported by physical findings or medical outcomes. Dr. Hill did not adjust treatment plans, consult with and make appropriate referrals to other physicians, follow-up with other physicians when referrals were made, and obtain sufficient prior medical records, did not employ drug screens for a majority of patients, and prescribed hypertension medications without obtaining a baseline and follow-up laboratory results. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Hooper, Larry Edward, P.A., Lic. No. PA00968, Galveston

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Larry Edward Hooper, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing, prohibiting Mr. Hooper from reregistering or otherwise obtaining controlled substances registration certificates; shall not treat patients for chronic pain or engage in the practice of pain management; 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 pay an administrative penalty of \$3,500 within 180 days. The Board found Mr. Hooper failed to meet the standard of care in his treatments of patients by engaging in a pattern of nontherapeutic prescribing to the 15 patients at issue. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Thivierge, Susan Dawn, P.A.-C., Lic. No. PA02528, The Woodlands

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board entered a Final Order restricting Susan Dawn Thivierge, P.A.-C.'s Texas physician assistant license under the following terms and conditions, not to be modified for a period of two years: shall

not treat chronic pain; shall not administer, dispense, or prescribe any controlled substances and shall immediately surrender, not reregister or otherwise obtain controlled substances registration certificates; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course and the physician prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 within 60 days. The Board found Ms. Thivierge failed to meet the standard of care by prescribing medications in a nontherapeutic manner with respect to seven patients, failed to conduct adequate evaluations, appropriate periodic reviews, and failed to maintain adequate medical records. The action was based on the findings of an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Ms. Thivierge has 20 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Warfield, Louis E., P.A., Lic. No. PA00365, Houston

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Louis E. Warfield, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing, requiring Mr. Warfield to surrender his DEA/DPS controlled substances registration certificates; shall not treat patients for chronic pain or engage in pain management; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year complete the medical recordkeeping course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 within six months. The Board found Mr. Warfield failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of 10 patients by failing to appropriately document his justifications for continued treatment. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Anderson, Michael James, P.A., Lic. No. PA04245, Killeen

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Michael James Anderson, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Anderson, revoking Mr. Anderson's Texas physician assistant license, staying the revocation and placing Mr. Anderson on probation under the following terms: shall not reregister or otherwise obtain DEA/DPS controlled substances registration certificates without written Board authorization; have a chaperone present when performing a physical examination on a female patient; within six months complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics; and within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Mr. Anderson admitted to improperly prescribing to a patient and to boundary violations with the patient; and Mr. Anderson admitted to a felony conviction connected to the practice of medicine.

Morales, Francisco, P.A., Lic. No. PA00640, Dallas

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Francisco Morales, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Mr. Morales' Texas physician assistant license, staying the suspension and placing Mr. Morales on probation under the following terms: within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000 within 90 days. The Board found Mr. Morales failed to report a March 7, 2011 arrest for assault against a family member for which he received deferred adjudication, and failed to report a February 23, 2013 arrest in which he was charged with solicitation for purposes of prostitution and ultimately completed the Dallas Offender Program for Exploitation in this matter.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER

Shakin, Nancy, P.A., Lic. No. PA02167, Corpus Christi

On December 5, 2014, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Nancy Shakin, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order Modifying Prior Order, modifying her July 2013 Order. The modification requires Ms. Shakin to undergo an independent medical evaluation and follow all recommendations for care and treatment. The Board found Ms. Shakin violated her 2013 Order by failing to cancel her DEA/DPS controlled substances certificates and providing the Board proof of such cancellation.

**Texas State Board of
Acupuncture Examiners
Disciplinary Actions**

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Stewart, John Edwin, L.Ac., Lic. No. AC00992, Saginaw

On October 10, 2014, the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners and John Edwin Stewart, L.Ac., entered into an Agreed Order, publicly reprimanding Mr. Stewart and placing Mr. Stewart under the following terms and conditions for five years: abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; abide by the terms of his court ordered probation; participate in the Board's drug testing program; within 30 days submit to the Board the names of three licensed psychologists who agree to serve as a treating psychologist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; be supervised by a worksite monitor; participate in Alcoholics Anonymous no less than three times a week; and perform 25 hours of community service for a non-profit charitable organization during the first year of probation. The Board found Mr. Stewart admitted that he failed to report his alcohol related arrests to the Board in a timely manner and failed to disclose his arrests during his annual registration.

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Physician Licenses

The Texas Medical Board issued 710 physician licenses between September 18, 2014 and December 8, 2014. Congratulations to the following:

Abdalagani Ahmed Abakar Baher, M.D.
Syeda Uzma Abbas, M.D.
Mateen Fatima Abidi, M.D.
Susan Abookire, M.D.
Mari Adachi, M.D.
Dare Alabi Adewumi, M.D.
Nidhi Agarwal, M.D.
Shweta Aggarwal, M.D.
Ameera Javaid Ahmed, M.D.
Dale Michael Ahrendt, M.D.
Efosa Airuehia, M.D.
Collette Omuekpen Akhimiona, M.D.
Hossein Akhondi Asl, M.D.
Oladotun Akinmurele, M.D.
Nathalie Akl, M.D.
Muhaned Gatea Abdul Nabee Al Saedi, M.D.
Ossama M Z Al-Taher, M.D.
Shakir Alattar, M.D.
Amber Sudqi Alayyan, M.D.
Saddam Khaleel Aldabag, M.D.
Salman Syed Aleem, M.D.
Jeff Alexander, M.D.
Rehan H. Ali, M.D.
Maryellon Allen, M.D.
Brian Christopher Allgaier, M.D.
Kellen Alstatt, M.D.
Dylan Burns Alston, D.O.
Waseem Altaf, M.D.
Misbah Waseem Altaf, M.D.
Antonio Marcos Alvarado, M.D.
Araceli Amador, M.D.
Pablo Enrique Amador, M.D.
Rajesh Kumar Anand, M.D.
Hanumantha Rao Ancha, M.D.
Krista Jean Anders, M.D.
Sajan Joy Andrews, M.D.
James Michael Andry, Jr., M.D.
Seher Anjum, M.D.
Sharique Aslam Ansari, M.D.
Alejandro Anzaldua, M.D.
Marco Araujo, M.D.
Juan Carlos Arciniega, M.D.
Juan E. Arenas-Herrera, M.D.
Rangolee Shrawan Arora, M.D.
David Kenneth Ashpole, M.D.
Husnain Ashraf, M.D.
Paldeep Singh Atwal, M.D.
Octavio Avila Zamora, M.D.
Michael Alan Aycock, D.O.
Daniel Shaun Baer, M.D.
Farshad Bahador, M.D.
Jaya Bajaj, M.D.
Thomas Joshua Baker, M.D.
Saravanan Balamuthusamy, M.D.
Joseph Eugene Bales, M.D.
Anand J. Balson, M.D.
Manjunath Rachotteppa Bannur, M.D.
Sheila Barbarino, M.D.
Michael Barra, M.D.
Angelique Barreto, M.D.
Nathan Adam Baskin, M.D.
Stephanie Bates, M.D.
Paola Costa Batista, M.D.
April Michelle Banguess, D.O.
Thomas Beachkofsky, M.D.
Anna Kaitlyn Beasley, M.D.
Robert Paul Beecham, M.D.
Suresh Nanje Gowda Belame, M.D.
Philip James Benavides, M.D.
Raheel Bengali, M.D.
James Bentley, M.D.
Jason Joshua Bentow, M.D.
Alana L. Beres, M.D.
Stephanie Lynn Berkshire, D.O.
David Boaz Berman, M.D.
Karla Marbelia Bermudez Wagner, M.D.
Jay Bernstein, M.D.
Johnathon Allen Berry, D.O.
Lydia Reasonover Best, M.D.
Jyoti Bharti, M.D.
Deepti P. Bhat, M.D.
Soujanya Biragoni, M.D.
Zalmen Blanck, M.D.
Ashley Denise Bocanegra, M.D.
Mamatha Bollineni, M.D.
Nilanjana Bose, M.D.
Elizabeth Ann Bowhay Carnes, M.D.
Alan Howard Boyar, M.D.
Micah Lynn Boyer, M.D.
Matthew William Boylan, M.D.
Emily Marie Bratton, M.D.
Robert Loftus Breckenridge, Jr., M.D.
John Philip Breinholt, III, M.D.
Christine Aspy Bridges, M.D.
Ingrid Brinkman, M.D.
Erika Brito, M.D.
Adam Kirk Brittain, M.D.
Melissa Anne Broadman, D.O.
Julia Meyer Brown, M.D.
Onaija Tamu Bryant, D.O.
Ron Buchheit, M.D.
Melissa A. Buessing, D.O.
Joseph Choate Burkett, M.D.
Charles Kevin Burlison, M.D.
Bryan Michael Burt, M.D.
Jacqueline Fontenot Butler, M.D.
Erin Bridget Butler, M.D.
April Christina Butsch, M.D.
Joanne Alonso Byars, M.D.
Li Cai, M.D.
Chadi Albert Calarge, M.D.
Roberto Camacho Acevedo, M.D.
Timothy John Campbell, M.D.
Melissa Campbell, M.D.
Mailan Melissa Cao, M.D.
Phu Cao, D.O.
Leilani Margarita Caraballo, M.D.
Chester Lawrence Carlson, D.O.
Mark Dean Carlson, M.D.
Marcus Andrew Carodiskey, D.O.
Desi R. Carozza, M.D.
Lloyd Charles Cassidy, IV, M.D.
Eliezer Castaneda, M.D.
Eduardo Castro-Echeverry, M.D.
Belmund Ray Ypulong Catague, M.D.
Nancy Ann Cersonsky, M.D.
Elizabeth Chacko, D.O.
Amanda Kay Chan, M.D.
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