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Message From the TMB President: Pain Management Process Reminder



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TMB is aware there is lingering concern and confusion regarding Pain Management Clinic (PMC) exemptions and registration. TMB, like Texas practitioners, wants to ensure patients have access to competent, safe, and proper care. TMB has always recognized that appropriate pain management is critical for many Texans. We strive to facilitate this

care while balancing public safety. Also, TMB stresses again that we do not, in any way, "target" the practice of pain management. TMB is charged, by the Legislature, to regulate pain management and PMCs through registration, inspection, and investigation.

The goal of this message is to provide several clarifications that are important for practitioners to be mindful of when it comes to pain management, including clarifying some commonly misunderstood terms, common misunderstandings in the medical community, and the TMB's general process related to PMCs.

Finally, TMB is aware that the process of regulating PMCs and other practices takes time and effort on the part of medical providers and staffs. We want to ensure there is as little disruption as possible so that medical providers can focus on treating patients. I will conclude this message with our plans to explore possible revisions to create a more abbreviated and less burdensome process for newly and previously inspected PMCs.

TERMS TO KNOW

Audit – The process of obtaining a narrow set of information from a clinic to determine registration status.

Inspection – The process of obtaining more extensive information from a clinic regarding registration status. This may be done in-person or through a virtual document review.

Investigation - The process where TMB staff will require, by subpoena, extensive documents to determine not only exempt or registration status but may also evaluate overall compliance. In addition, patient medical records, sign-in sheets and other documents will be requested by subpoena for purposes of reviewing the prescribing practices and treatment of patients of the clinic.

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS

1. If a clinic is exempt from registration it will not be audited or inspected.

No. A clinic may be exempt, but it is still subject to audit or verification of the exemption.

2. TMB can only inspect or investigate a registered pain clinic.

No. If TMB receives a complaint or other information that a clinic may be operating without registration or that a physician is working at a clinic that may require registration, then TMB may review the complaint and follow standard investigation or inspection procedures.

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3. If a clinic has been previously inspected, it will be repeatedly inspected.

No. A clinic may be inspected but TMB will look at factors such as when it was last inspected, results of previous audits, inspections, investigations, or changes in ownership before auditing or inspecting a clinic again.

4. Unless you are an owner of the clinic, you are not required to register the location.

No. As a physician working at any pain management clinic, even as an employee, there is a shared responsibility to comply with all legal requirements including those related to registration.

GENERAL PROCESS

Currently, TMB has two approaches to determining clinic registration and exemptions. The first being as part of an investigation if the Board receives a complaint where TMB sends subpoenas asking for extensive medical records, billing information and a variety of other documents required to be furnished in 14 days or sometimes less. The purpose of this is to examine prescribing practices to determine registration status along with standard of care.

The second, and more recent, approach is utilization of the PMP to identify the top 50 opioid prescribers on a quarterly basis. Once identified, TMB currently sends an inquiry to the physician asking them to provide information about the operation within 30 days. The purpose of the inquiry is to perform an audit to determine if the clinic requires registration or if it is exempt.

If the physician receiving this notice does not claim an exemption, then they are required to register the clinic as a PMC.

If the physician intends to claim an exemption after receiving an inquiry, they are asked to substantiate the exemption within 30 days. This information may include items such as, patient lists, physician and mid-level provider specific information, sign-in sheets, prescription information (PMP), and other treatment information. Upon receiving that information claiming an exemption, the Board determines if the information/documents provided adequately establish the exemption. If the information provided is adequate, then the exemption is granted. If there appears to be more information needed or the proof provided is insufficient to determine an exemption, then an investigation may be opened, and the Board may request documents by subpoena. If the investigation shows the clinic is not exempt, then the matter may be referred to an ISC for potential disciplinary action, including a requirement to register the clinic.

If a physician does not respond at all, then an investigation will be opened.

POSSIBLE REVISIONS

Again, TMB is aware audits, inspections, and investigations cause disruptions to practices. We have a thorough review process to help ensure only the necessary practices are notified of these events. However, TMB will always listen to our licensees and is always looking for ways to improve our processes while maintaining the right balance between regulation and public safety. We are planning a stakeholder meeting soon to discuss pain management in Texas. We look forward to a productive meeting and any improvements it will generate in reducing the time, effort, and resources medical providers and staffs must dedicate to the regulation of pain management.

Respectfully,

Dr. Sherif Zaafran, M.D., FASA Texas Medical Board President



Antibody Infusion Centers Launching Across Texas

On behalf of the Governor, the Texas Medical Board is sharing information about the establishment and expansion of antibody infusion centers in communities across the state for the treatment of COVID-19. Governor Abbott, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Texas Department of State Health Services have established these centers with the goal of preventing a patient's condition from worsening and ultimately requiring hospital care.

These state-sponsored infusion centers are in addition to the antibody infusion treatments that are provided by more than 200 private health providers across the state.

Antibody infusion centers are currently operating in the following communities, with more coming online in the future:

- Austin (DSHS)
- Beaumont (TDEM)
- Corpus Christi (DSHS)
- Edinburg (TDEM)
- Fort Worth (DSHS)
- Harlingen (TDEM)
- Houston (DSHS)
- Laredo (DSHS)

- Lubbock (TDEM)
- McKinney (TDEM)
- Nacogdoches (TDEM)
- Odessa (TDEM)
- San Antonio (DSHS)
- Tyler (TDEM)
- The Woodlands (DSHS)

The treatment is free and available to all Texans who test positive for COVID-19 and have a doctor's referral. Texans can visit <u>meds.tdem.texas.gov</u> to find a therapeutic provider near them.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

- <u>COVID-19 Webpage</u>
- Provider-specific Information
- <u>Vaccine Provider Enrollment & Updates</u>

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

- <u>COVID-19 Webpage</u>
- Information for Healthcare Workers
- Infection Control Guidance

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

<u>COVID-19 Webpage</u>



A variety of legislation affecting TMB and its licensees passed during the regular session of the 87th Texas Legislature (2021).

To read a summary of highlighted bills that were passed and signed into law by the governor, please visit: <u>https://</u> <u>www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/agency-</u> <u>legislative-updates</u>

TMB Issues Record Number of Physician Licenses

Total eclipses previous record by 435 licenses issued in a fiscal year

Texas Medical Board has issued a record number of physician licenses, ending the fiscal year with 5,304 licenses issued. The state's fiscal year ended on August 31, 2021.

"Our agency staff have worked incredibly hard amid an unthinkably challenging year for all of health care. The Texas Medical Board has shown that it, too, has risen to meet the ever-evolving challenges and is committed to serving Texans." said Texas Medical Board President Dr. Sherif Z. Zaafran, M.D. "I want to congratulate our staff for a job well done in ensuring qualified physicians wishing to practice in Texas have the opportunity to do so to help meet our state's needs now and in the future."

The TMB's previous record year-ending total for physician licenses was 4,869 issued in 2019. In the past decade, the Board <u>has issued</u> an average of 4,200 physician licenses each fiscal year.

Currently, there are 94,544 <u>Texas licensed</u> physicians.

Wellness Resources for Medical Professionals

TMB is sharing a collection of resources to help our state's health care professionals with managing their mental health and well-being during these challenging times.

- Texas Medical Association <u>Physician Health Top-</u> <u>ics</u>
- American Medical Association <u>Managing Mental</u> <u>Health During COVID-19</u>
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission <u>COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line & Resources</u>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>COVID-19 Stress & Coping Resources</u>
- American Psychiatric Association <u>Well-being Re-</u> sources
- National Academy of Medicine <u>Clinician Well-</u> <u>being Strategies & Resources</u>

- Mental Health America <u>COVID-19 Mental Health</u>
 <u>Resources</u>
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – <u>First Responders and Dis-</u> <u>aster Responders Resource Portal</u>
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies <u>COVID-19 Resources for Healthcare Workers</u>
- <u>Physician Support Line</u> a support line available for physicians during the COVID-19 pandemic. The line offers free confidential peer support telehealth by volunteer psychiatrists.
- <u>The Emotional Support PPE Project</u> connects volunteer mental health practitioners to healthcare workers whose mental health has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Board Rules

The following rules were adopted since the publication of the previous bulletin. After publication in the TX Register, the rule summaries with effective date are posted on the TMB website: <u>http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/board-rules</u>. For full rule text in the Texas Administrative Code, visit: <u>http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.viewtac</u>.

AUGUST 2021 BOARD MEETING

CHAPTER 187. PROCEDURAL RULES

The amendments to **§§187.2(6)**, **187.6** and **187.16**, relating to <u>Definitions</u>, <u>Appearances Personally or by Rep</u>-

resentative, and Informal Show Compliance (ISC) Information and Notices, adds a definition of "appear/ appearance." The amendments to §187.6 and §187.16 are conforming amendments to incorporate consistent usage of the term "appear" and "appearance."



Our shot at getting back to normal.

COVID-19 vaccines

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are tested in clinical trials with diverse races and ethnicities.



don't contain the live virus and can't give you COVID-19.



protect you from hospitalization and death.



are endorsed by doctors, the CDC and the Texas Department of State Health Services.



Continue to wear a mask, social distance, wash hands and avoid large gatherings.



Visit **covidvaccine.texas.gov** or call **1-833-832-7067** to find a vaccine. Point your phone camera here to learn more.

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Texas Department of State Health Services



2021 CME PRESENTATIONS

The Texas Medical Board is offering one-hour CME-eligible virtual presentations to inform and educate physician licensees about the regulation of the practice of medicine through physician licensure and enforcement. The presentations available are listed below:

Upholding Professional Accountability: What You Need to Know About Physician Licensure, Discipline, and Regulation in Texas

A) Overview of TMB Licensure and Enforcement Processes
 B) Review of Board Rules and Common Violations
 C) Legislative Update
 D) Question and Answer Session

Opioids and Chronic Pain Management

A) Overview of TMB Enforcement Process
B) Review of Statues and Rules on Pain Management
C) The Prescription Monitoring Program and PMC Inspections
D) Question and Answer Session

TMB can provide the CME as one hour of formal hours of study in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility to be applied toward TMB registration requirements. If your medical or specialty society is already designated as, or works in conjunction with, a provider of AMA PRA Category 1 CME, we can assist your society in applying for Category I accreditation for the TMB presentation. <u>A minimum of 15 participants is required.</u>

If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact Sandra Ramirez, TMB Outreach Coordinator, at: <u>sandra.ramirez@tmb.state.tx.us</u> or (512) 305-7111.

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Continuing Education Opportunities				
Activity Title	Date(s)	No. of Hours	Link	
Free COVID-19 CME	Expires: Unknown	Various	<u>https://www.freecme.com/covid-</u> <u>19</u>	
Texas Orthopaedic Associ- ation's Opioid Continuing Education	Expires: Unknown	2.0 AMA PRA Category 1, 2 Ethics	<u>https://toa.org/opioid-continuing-</u> education/	
TMA: Meeting TMB Edu- cation Requirements for Opioid Prescribing	Expires: 12/4/2022	2.25 AMA PRA Category 1, 2.25 Ethics	https://texmed.inreachce.com/ Details/Information/191acbf9-89aa -4a37-ba7d-c1ab09e8ac7c	
Identifying Human Trafficking in Texas: What Physicians Need to Know	Expires: 10/7/2022	1.00 AMA PRA Category 1, 1 Ethics	https://texmed.inreachce.com/ Details/Information/4477790b- 01e6-4f6e-adef-5c7d4c99765a	
Tick Prevention and Tick- Borne Illness	Expires: 4/7/2023	1.00 AMA PRA Category 1	<u>https://awls.org/wfa-online-</u> <u>training/ticks/</u>	
Epidemiology of Lyme Disease	Expires: 3/30/2022	0.50 AAFP	<u>https://www.lymecme.info/</u> <u>modules/epidemiology-of-lyme-</u> <u>disease/</u>	
The continuing education opportunities listed above are provided only as a courtesy. TMB makes no guarantee to the quality of the content, fulfillment of credit hours for license requirement purposes, or ensure compliance with terms of any Board order or rules. As part of its 2016-2017 review of the Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission adopted a nonstatutory management action directing the Board to dedicate one page of its quarterly newsletter bulletin to three topics in continuing medical education that the Board considers relevant; at least one of the annual 12 continuing medical education topics must be related to tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease.				

Formal Complaints

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Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Dutta, Suresh Venkayya, M.D., San Antonio	L1024	6/11/21	Unprofessional conduct; violation of Board order.
Kim, Hyun-Jong, L.Ac., The Woodlands	AC00823	6/11/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Tobar, Pedro, Jr., MRT, Mark- ham	GMR00014113	6/29/21	Impairment.
Penn, Taj-Jaraad, MRT, Pear- land	GMR00091974	7/2/21	Unprofessional conduct; violation of Board order.
Barrera, Luis Alfredo, RCP, Cedar Hill	RCP00064676	7/21/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Seiter, Christopher M., MRT, College Station	GMR00094161	7/28/21	Impairment.
Ver Halen, Jon Peter, M.D., Mansfield	N1940	7/28/21	Failure to meet standard of care; inadequate medical records.
Boatwright, Roger, M.D., Pas- adena	R8708	8/5/21	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic pre- scribing; violation of Board rules.
Leavitt, Lewis A., III, M.D., Houston	F9718	8/5/21	Unprofessional conduct; nontherapeutic prescribing; impairment.
Cabret-Carlotti, Michelle, M.D., Austin	Q7536	8/24/21	Failure to meet standard of care; unprofessional con- duct.
Sabella, Vincenzo, M.D., San Antonio	H9005	8/26/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Afridi, Shah Nawaz, M.D., Victoria	K7961	8/30/21	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic pre- scribing; violation of Board rules.
Butler, David Tanksley, M.D., Austin	K4866	8/30/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Nguyen, Long Phan, M.D., Bellaire	G7293	8/30/21	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic pre- scribing; unprofessional conduct.
Cabal-Salgado, Julie Pauline, MRT, Palestine	GMR00094862	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Charepoo, Rambod, M.D., Austin	S4112	8/31/21	Failure to meet standard of care; improper supervision or delegation; inadequate medical records.
Cornman, Joshua William, NCT, Houston	NCR02001950	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct.

Formal Complaints, Cont.

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Name	Lic. No.	Date Filed	Allegations
Demerson, Yvonne, MRT, Pharr	GMR00026709	8/31/21	Violation of Board order.
Ehling, Aubrey Olivia, RCP, San Antonio	RCP00018439	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Franks, Darrell Jay, M.D., Snyder	H6223	8/31/21	Failure to meet standard of care; unprofessional con- duct.
Haynes, Jeff, RCP, Friends- wood	RCP00060872	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct.
Kapilivsky, Allan, M.D., McAllen	J9120	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct; failure to meet standard of care.
Legall, Michelle Evette, M.D., Humble	M6723	8/31/21	Failure to meet standard of care.
Lozano, Ivette C., M.D., Dallas	J4310	8/31/21	Failure to meet standard of care; inadequate medical records; violation of Board rules.
Perez, Ana Yolanda, M.D., San Antonio	F7044	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct; nontherapeutic prescribing; violation of Board rules.
Roberts, Richard Martin, M.D., Corpus Christi	G2467	8/31/21	Failure to meet standard of care; nontherapeutic pre- scribing.
Untalan, Felix Castro, Jr., RCP, San Antonio	RCP00061579	8/31/21	Unprofessional conduct; violation of Board order.
Williams, Machelle Elaine, D.O., Floresville	K4608	8/31/21	Impairment.

Case Review Experts Needed

TMB is calling for physicians in all areas of medicine to serve as experts in reviewing standard of care cases.

Specific areas of need are in Psychiatry, and Complementary & Integrative Medicine.

As an expert to the Board, your identity for any individual case will be confidential. The requirements for serving are:

- Active Texas license
- Active practice; DOES NOT need to be physically in Texas or on Texas patients (more than 20 hours per week, 40 weeks per year)
- No history of negative peer review action or license restriction
- Acceptable malpractice history

For more information, please e-mail: Michelle.Garcia@tmb.state.tx.us

Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit: <u>http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/news</u>.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION Ahmed, Raees, M.D., Lic. No. N0595, Port Arthur

On June 17, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Raees Ahmed, 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 that Dr. Ahmed was recently indicted on charges, including indecency with child – sexual contact, a second degree felony. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Ahmed, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Ahmed. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

August, Brian James, M.D., Lic. No. H9762, El Paso

On June 14, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Brian James August, 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 that on May 26, 2021, Dr. August was indicted on 15 counts related to distribution of controlled substances causing death or serious bodily injury, and healthcare fraud resulting in death. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. August, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. August. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Glass, Jeffrey Lewis, M.D., Lic. No. H9953, San Antonio

On September 1, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Jeffrey Lewis Glass, 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 that Dr. Glass was the subject of a hospital's disciplinary action based upon inappropriate sexual conduct with a patient. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Glass, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Glass.

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

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

On June 3, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas medical license of Michael Wesley Holmes, 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 that on March 31, 2021, Dr. Holmes was indicted on a charge of sexual assault, a second-degree felony. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Mella, Cesar Francisco, M.D., Lic. No. P7160, New York, NY

On May 26, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas medical license of Cesar Francisco Mella, 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 that Dr. Mella has exhibited a history and pattern of impairment. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Pharo, Arlette Naylor, Lic. No. H6509, Friendswood

On July 23, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas medical license of Arlette Naylor Pharo, D.O., after determining her continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Dr. Pharo has exhibited a history and pattern of impairment that constitutes a continuing threat to the public health and welfare. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Wu, Guoxin, M.D., Lic. No. N4852, Beaumont

On August 30, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Guoxin Wu, M.D., after determining his continuation in the unrestricted practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately. Dr. Wu is prohibited from seeing, examining, treating, prescribing to, consulting on, or otherwise practicing medicine on female patients, including telemedicine. The Board panel found that Dr. Wu was reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank regarding his voluntary resignation of hospital privileges while under investigation. Based on the reporting, Dr. Wu was the subject of complaints made by nursing staff for placing his hands under patient covers during administration of anesthesia. The temporary restriction remains in place until the Board takes further action.

QUALITY OF CARE

Burt, Nancy A., M.D., Lic. No. K8037, San Antonio

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Nancy A. Burt, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring her to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in managing patients with depression and risk of suicide, four hours in risk management and four hours in patient communications. The Board found Dr. Burt had been treating a patient for Parkinson's disease when he began to express issues with depression. Patient's wife called Dr. Burt's office letting staff know the patient could be vulnerable to self-harm but staff only recommended the patient go to Alamo Health for mental care, rather than urging the patient to seek care at an emergency room.

Cox, Derrick Dione, M.D., Lic. No. P7262, El Paso

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Derrick Dione Cox, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: 15 hours in medical ethics and one hour in communications with patients; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Dr. Cox failed to evaluate, treat and document treatment when one patient presented to the emergency room with an emergency surgical condition, and after the patient was admitted to the hospital and after being contacted by hospital staff multiple times while he was on call.

East, John Wayne, D.O., Lic. No. K7724, Addison

On June 11, 2021, the Board and John Wayne East, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. East violated the standard of care when he performed a rhizotomy on a patient's wrong side.

Koch, Eric B., M.D., Lic. No. P5198, El Paso

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Eric B. Koch, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Koch and requiring him to within 30 days schedule an assessment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment, and Research (KSTAR) program; and within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in operative management of biliary tract disease, four hours in risk management and four hours in liver trauma or surgical complications. The Board found Dr. Koch clipped and cut a structure during a laparoscopic cholecystectomy surgery that led to a significant bleed.

Lauer, Scott David, M.D., Lic. No. K9102, Colleyville

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Scott David Lauer, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Lauer and requiring him to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in post-operative complications, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in ethics/professionalism; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Lauer failed to assume appropriate care of a post-operative patient of another physician after agreeing to cover the patient, failed to properly address the patient's bleeding and failed to properly communicate with hospital staff.

Mason, Christopher N., M.D., Lic. No. L1129, Mount Pleasant

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Christopher N. Mason, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management and four hours in post-operative care. The Board found Dr. Mason violated the standard of care by failing to recognize a patient's abnormal test results which necessitated further care and recognition of potential surgical complications, and he did not maintain adequate medical records.

McGonagle, Martin Eugene, M.D., Lic. No. G6563, Granbury

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Martin Eugene McGonagle, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Dr. McGonagle from prescribing Phentermine, Topamax, or any combination of such medications for weight loss management, until the successful completion of at least 32 hours of CME in prescribing medications for weight loss; and within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in risk management. The Board found Dr. McGonagle failed to meet the standard of care

by nontherapeutically prescribing Topamax and Phentermine to nine patients without appropriate indications or monitoring. Ng, Federico Roman, M.D., Lic. No. J6623, Monahans On August 20, 2021, the Board and Federico Roman Ng, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in physician-patient communications, four hours in prescribing to psychiatric patients and four hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500. The Board found Dr. Ng continued to treat a non-compliant psychiatric patient outside of his specialty, even when the patient refused to heed his referral to a psychiatrist; and queried a second patient about her social history in a way which made the patient uncomfortable.

Pelly, Lorenzo, M.D., Lic. No. G2453, Brownsville

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Lorenzo Pelly, 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; and within one year complete at least 28 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in professional communication, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in addressing complications in complex patients. The Board found Dr. Pelly failed to adequately and timely evaluate and treat a patient's acute kidney injury; failed to timely assess, order treatment and a gastroenterologist consultation for a second patient; failed to timely assess a third patient after they were admitted to intensive care in critical condition; failed to maintain adequate and complete medical records, and in June 2018 was required by his employer to take a course after inappropriately touching a nurse.

Perry, Richard J., D.O., Lic. No. J0193, Sanger

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Richard J. Perry, D.O., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in evaluating and treating anxiety and depression in adolescents, eight hours in diagnosis and treatment of obesity in adolescents and four hours in medical recordkeeping. The Board found that Dr. Perry failed to meet the standard of care in his prescribing and monitoring the use of Phentermine in a pediatric patient who was under 16 years of age during the relevant time period. Furthermore, Respondent failed to maintain adequate medical records for the treatment of this patient.

Sonbol, Yassir Ahmed, M.D., Lic. No. P1024, Sugar Land On August 20, 2021, the Board and Yassir Ahmed Sonbol, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 20 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, four hours in risk management and eight hours in cardiac testing. The Board found Dr. Sonbol saw a patient for one incident of chest pain but did not document an adequate history of the patient's complaint or order repeat testing.

Young, Mark David, M.D., Lic. No. J0388, Denison

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Mark David Young, 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 49 hours of CME, divided as follows: 17 hours (or two days) in an intensive medical recordkeeping course, 10 hours in an intensive patient communication course, eight hours in anger management, six hours in outpatient care for common fractures, four hours in ethics, and four hours in prescribing controlled substances; and within 30 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found Dr. Young failed to meet the standard of care for a patient's extended arm cast immobilization, failed to appropriately document medical rational, surgical procedure and follow-up care for three patients with complications following hand or wrist surgeries, exhibited unprofessional conduct that was disruptive to surgical staff during a procedure, and self-prescribed medications, including controlled substances to himself beyond immediate need.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Abbasi, Maaz Ahmed, M.D., Lic. No. M6992, Missouri City

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Maaz Ahmed Abbasi, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to 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. Abbasi was investigated by the federal government for health care fraud allegations related to the issuance of home health certification and plans of care and executed an Agreed Settlement wherein he agreed to pay restitution and to an exclusion from participating in federal health care programs for a period of three years.

Barba, Carlos Alberto, M.D., Lic. No. P7385, Brownsville On August 20, 2021, the Board and Carlos Alberto Barba, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Barba and requiring him to have a chaperone present anytime he performs any examination on a female patient; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; within one year 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 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in risk management; within 90 days pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000; 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. Barba engaged in sexual contact with a patient and made false and misleading statements to the Board and Peer Review Committee regarding the encounter. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

De Llanos, Ariel, M.D., Lic. No. N2465, San Antonio

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Ariel De Llanos, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. De Llanos and requiring him to within six months obtain an independent medical evaluation from a pre-approved psychiatrist and follow all recommendations made for care and treatment; within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete the professional boundaries course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. The Board found Dr. De Llanos engaged in unprofessional conduct and a breach of physician-patient boundaries by becoming romantically and financially involved with a patient. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Doan, Dennis Phuong, M.D., Lic. No. N9041, Fort Worth

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Dennis Phuong Doan, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Dr. Doan and suspending his license; however, the suspension is stayed and he is placed on probation under the following terms for a period of two years: shall comply with all terms of the Order Granting Deferred Adjudication issued on December 22, 2020 by Parker County Court; he is prohibited from seeing, examining, treating, prescribing to, providing consultation for, or otherwise practicing medicine on female patients at any time for any reason in any practice setting, including telemedicine. Notwithstanding this restriction, Dr. Doan shall be allowed to practice administrative medicine services such as records review, interpretation of EKG's, echocardiography tests, and stress tests that involve female patients. Additionally, within one year Dr. Doan shall complete the professional boundaries 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 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. Doan has engaged in unprofessional misconduct with multiple female patients and employees by improperly touching their breasts and making inappropriate comments and pleaded guilty to one Class A misdemeanor for violating the Texas Medical Practice Act. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Freeman, Phillip Neal, M.D., Lic. No. G9851, Houston On June 11, 2021, the Board and Phillip Neal Freeman, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Freeman and requiring him to have a chaperone anytime he performs 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 shall not be permitted to supervise female medical professionals or to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a female physician assistant or female advanced practice nurse. The Board found Dr. Freeman violated sexual boundaries by sexually harassing a colleague and resigned his privileges in lieu of further disciplinary action.

Iguh, Bernadette Uche, D.O., Lic. No. N0846, Houston On August 20, 2021, the Board and Bernadette Uche Iguh, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order revoking Dr. Iguh's Texas medical license; however, the revocation is stayed and she is placed on probation for three years under the following terms: comply with all terms of the Judgement entered on or around March 5, 2021; limit her medical practice to a group setting approved in advance; have her billing practice monitored for four consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and four hours in billing; 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 that on March 5, 2021, the Court entered a Judgement based on Dr. Iguh's plea of guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and her subsequent cooperation with federal investigators sentencing her to time served, 15 months of supervised release, and to pay restitution. The order supersedes all prior orders entered by the Board.

Raju, Saagar, M.D., Lic. No. S9978, Riverside, CA On August 20, 2021, the Board and Saagar Raju, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in professionalism; and publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program. The Board found Dr. Raju was untruthful on an application he filed with the Board to obtain licensure when he answered "No," to a question asking if he ever resigned in lieu of further investigation or action, and also answered "No," to a question related to impairment and failed to report to the Board his history of substance use.

Safadi, Lawrence Victor, M.D., Lic. No. S5060, Edinburg

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Lawrence Victor Safadi, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in ethics. The Board found Dr. Safadi did not fully disclose a potential eligibility issue with the Board when he applied for a license in Texas.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/REVOCATION

Brame, Cory Lynne, M.D., Lic. No. K5260, Newport Beach, CA

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Cory Lynne Brame, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender on Formal Filing in which Dr. Brame agreed to voluntarily surrender her license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Brame was unable to complete terms of her 2019 Remedial Plan to maintain her Texas license. Dr. Brame resides and practices in California and does not believe she will return to practice in Texas where CME requirements are recurring. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Hurst, Paul W., M.D., Lic. No. L6949, Plantation, FL

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Paul W. Hurst, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Hurst agreed to voluntarily surrender his license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Hurst was under investigation for sexual boundary violations.

Kelehan, Shaun Bobbi, M.D., Lic. No. L6234, Marshall On June 11, 2021, the Board and Shaun Bobbi Kelehan, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Kelehan agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Kelehan was Temporarily Restricted on October 29, 2020 for boundaries violations with a male patient. Following entry of the order, a second male patient made an outcry to a new provider regarding alleged inappropriate touching and boundaries violations that occurred during the course of Dr. Kelehan's prior care and treatment.

Nguyen, Khanh Quoc, M.D., Lic. No. F4975, Houston

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Khanh Quoc Nguyen, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Nguyen agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas medical license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Nguyen voluntarily surrendered his medical license to the Medical Board of California on or about December 10, 2020 due to unprofessional conduct and/or repeated negligent acts on two patients.

Syed, Ghyasuddin, M.D., Lic. No. L3493, Baytown

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Ghyasuddin Syed, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Syed agreed to voluntarily surrender his license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, effective July 10, 2021. The Board found Dr. Syed pled guilty to conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud the United States, a felony.

Taylor, Michael Byron, M.D., Lic. No. F2055, Tyler

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Michael Byron Taylor, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Taylor agreed to voluntarily surrender his license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Taylor was under investigation regarding his failure to meet the standard of care while intubating a patient and resigning while under peer review for the incident.

Willis, Ellen Denise, M.D., Lic. No. H4801, Oronoco, MN

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Ellen Denise Willis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Dr. Willis agreed to voluntarily surrender her license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Dr. Willis reported to the Board that she had a specific medical condition and was no longer in practice. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

REVOCATION

Brown, Lance Fortson, M.D., Lic. No. K9738, San Antonio On June 11, 2021, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Lance Fortson Brown, M.D., which revoked his

Capistrano, Caesar Mark, M.D., Lic. No. J8943, Fort Worth

On August 25, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Caesar Mark Capistrano, M.D.'s Texas medical license by operation of law after Dr. Capistrano's imprisonment after August 1, 2021, following his conviction of felony drug crimes.

Henry, Shawn Mark, D.O., Lic. No. L2316, Southlake

On June 3, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Shawn Mark Henry, D.O.'s Texas medical license by operation of law after Dr. Henry's imprisonment on or before May 20, 2021, following his felony conviction.

Narang, Harcharan Singh, M.D., Lic. No. L5481, Houston

On July 7, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Harcharan Singh Narang, M.D.'s Texas medical license by operation of law after Dr. Narang's imprisonment on or about May 17, 2021, following his felony convictions.

Oro, Febe Linda Panal, M.D., Lic. No. G4185, Denison

On June 11, 2021, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Febe Linda Panal Oro, M.D., which revoked her Texas medical license. On March 25, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Dr. Oro failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Oro. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Oro's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Oro has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Rimlawi, Michael B., D.O., Lic. No. K7877, Little Rock, AR On June 3, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the

Board, revoked Michael B. Rimlawi, D.O.'s Texas medical license by operation of law after

Dr. Rimlawi's imprisonment on or before May 20, 2021, following his felony conviction.

Shah, Mrugeshkumar K., M.D., Lic. No. L6174, Dallas On June 3, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Mrugeshkumar K. Shah, M.D.'s Texas medical license by operation of law after Dr. Shah's imprisonment on or before May 20, 2021, following his felony conviction.

Smith, Stephen Allen, M.D., Lic. No. H9718, Houston

On June 11, 2021, the Board entered a Default Order regarding Stephen Allen Smith, M.D., which revoked his Texas medical license. On January 14, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging violations of standard of care and unprofessional conduct. Dr. Smith failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Dr. Smith. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Dr. Smith's license was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Dr. Smith has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

SUSPENSION

Coppedge, Woodrow William, M.D., Lic. No. L2853, Houston

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Woodrow William Coppedge, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension on Formal Filing, suspending his license until such a time as he requests in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; publicly referred to the Texas Physician Health Program; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found Dr. Coppedge exhibited signs of alcohol impairment and resigned in lieu of termination for possible impairment and work performance issues. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Hein, Robert Mathew, M.D., Lic. No. M6182, Argyle On June 11, 2021, the Board and Robert Mathew Hein, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Hein's license until such a time as he requests in writing and per-

license until such a time as he requests in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine; and prohibiting him from supervising or delegating prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervising a surgical assistant. Dr. Hein cannot request an appearance before the Board until after six months have passed following entry of the order. The Board found Dr. Hein treated multiple patients while under the influence of controlled substances not legitimately prescribed to him. The order remains in effect until superseded by another order of the Board.

Henry, Craig B., M.D., Lic. No. H2942, Arlington

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Craig B. Henry, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order of Suspension, suspending his license until such a time as he requests in writing and personally appears before the Board to provide clear evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice medicine. Evidence shall include, at a minimum, complete and final resolution of any and all criminal charges and investigations. Additionally, Dr. Henry shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse or supervise a surgical assistant. The Board found that on February 19, 2021, Dr. Henry pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud, a felony.

RESTRICTION

Crumbliss, Joseph, M.D., Lic. No. F4797, Abilene On August 20, 2021, the Board and Joseph Crumbliss, M.D., entered into a Modification Order, modifying Dr. Crumbliss' December 2020 Order. The modification requires Dr. Crumbliss to have a chaperone for all patient encounters; restricts him from treating minor patients; requires him to attend psychotherapy treatment every two weeks with quarterly reports and requires him to terminate physician-patient relationships with all patients who made boundary violations allegations against him that were incorporated by the December 2020 Order. The Board found additional modifications to his 2020 Order were warranted based on recommendations from the Independent Medical Evaluation. All other terms of the order remain in full effect until superseded by subsequent order of the Board.

NONTHERAPEUTIC PRESCRIBING

Al-Khadour, Hussamaddin, M.D., Lic. No. L1257, Houston On August 20, 2021, the Board and Hussamaddin Al-Khadour, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order suspending Dr. Al-Khadour's Texas medical license; however, the suspension is stayed and he is placed on probation for a period of 18 months under the following terms: within seven days request modification of his DEA controlled substances registration certificate to eliminate Schedule II and shall not reregister without prior Board approval; have his prac-

tice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive months; within one year complete the prescribing 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; within one year complete at least eight hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in risk management; and shall not be permitted to supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Al-Khadour failed to meet the standard of care, nontherapeutically prescribed, failed to adhere to the established guidelines and requirements for the treatment of pain for 12 patients, and operated an unregistered pain management clinic. Dr. Al-Khadour also displayed unprofessional conduct when he pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance by his ordering of testosterone cyprionate for office use under his clinic name.

Pollack, Lee, M.D., Lic. No. H5730, Spring

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Lee Pollack, M.D., entered into a Mediated Agreed Order requiring him to have his practice monitored by another physician for four consecutive monitoring cycles; 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, four hours in supervising and delegating to midlevel providers and four hours in proper prescribing of controlled substances; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Pollack nontherapeutically prescribed controlled substances to fifteen patients and failed to create and maintain adequate medical records justifying his care and treatment of the patients. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Rosin, Lauren Michelle, M.D., Lic. No. R9849, Sugar Land On August 20, 2021, the Board and Lauren Michelle Rosin, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Rosin to have her practice monitored by another physician for 12 consecutive monitoring cycles; within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; within one year complete at least 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in medical recordkeeping; and within 60 days pay an administrative fee of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Rosin failed to meet the standard of care by inappropriately prescribing Trinaz when there was no indication for use and failed to establish a proper physician-patient relationship as required Board Rule 174 standards for the provision of Telemedicine Medical Services.

IMPROPER PRESCRIBING

Groff, Geoffrey Allen, M.D., Lic. No. J9694, Houston

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Geoffrey Allen Groff, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete the prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program; and for a period of one year obtain treatment from a Board-approved therapist and follow recommendations made for care and treatment. The Board found Dr. Groff self-reported that he had surrendered his DEA controlled substances registration certificates. Dr. Groff had been prescribing dangerous drugs and controlled substances including hydrocodone, beyond immediate medical need to three family members without documenting his care or conducting proper histories, examinations or monitoring.

Pena, Francisco Inocente, M.D., Lic. No. D0250, Edinburg On August 20, 2021, the Board and Francis-

co Inocente Pena, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Dr. Pena from treating or otherwise serving as a physician for his immediate family; prohibiting him from prescribing, dispensing, administering, or authorizing controlled substances or dangerous drugs to himself or his immediate family; and within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in appropriate prescribing of controlled substances and four hours of risk management. The Board found Dr. Pena prescribed dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances to himself and a close family member and failed to keep medical records for the treatment.

VIOLATION OF BOARD RULES

Carlson, Gregory B., M.D., Lic. No. K0666, Denison

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Gregory B. Carlson, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to within one year complete at least 12 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping and four hours in evaluation of cardiac patients. The Board found Dr. Carlson violated Board rules related to documentation.

Miller, George Givens, M.D., Lic. No. G8286, Webster On August 20, 2021, the Board and George Givens Miller, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Miller and requiring him to 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 16 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in ethics and eight hours in informed consent; within 30 days submit to the Board for review and approval all consent forms for complementary and alternative medicine, including stem cell treatment; and within six months pay an administrative penalty of \$6,000. The Board found Dr. Miller aided and abetted a chiropractor in the unlicensed practice of medicine who advertised and offered 'stem cell' injections to patients, failed to obtain informed consent from the patients, and failed to prescribe or administer the allograft products to the patients in conformity with Board Rule 200.

VIOLATION OF PRIOR ORDER

Castaneda, Jose Luis, M.D., Lic. No. F3818, Brownsville On June 11, 2021, the Board and Jose Luis Castaneda, M.D. entered into a Modification Order, modifying Dr. Castaneda's June 2019 Order. The modification removes the requirement to pass the SPEX exam, and adds terms which limit his medical practice, including any office and inpatient practice, to a group or institutional setting approved by the Board, and extends the deadline for payment of his monitoring fee six months. The Board found Dr. Castaneda was not meeting the terms of his order due to financial and practice constraints after being laid off due to COVID's financial impact on the practice. All other terms of the order as modified remain in full effect.

OTHER STATES' ACTIONS

Aronowitz, Joel Alan, M.D., Lic. No. G3118, Los Angeles, CA

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Joel Alan Aronowitz, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to complete four hours of CME in ethics/risk management and comply with all terms of the California Board Order dated on or about March 22, 2021. The Board found Dr. Aronowitz was disciplined by the Medical Board of California due to departure of care while performing a medical procedure on a patient.

Bakotic, Bradley Wayne, D.O., Lic. No. L5668, Alpharetta, GA

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Bradley Wayne Bakotic, D.O., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Bakotic and requiring him to pay an administrative penalty of \$500. The Board found Dr. Bakotic was disciplined by the Maryland State Board of Physicians with a Consent Order.

Burkett, David Scott, M.D., Lic. No. K7675, Monroe, LA On August 20, 2021, the Board and David Scott Burkett, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting him from practicing in Texas until he appears before the Board and provides evidence that he is physically, mentally, and otherwise competent to safely practice; and shall not supervise or delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses or supervise surgical assistants. The Board found Dr. Burkett engaged in pharmaceutical diversion and Medicaid fraud and had his license suspended by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners for one year and was reinstated under certain terms and lifetime probation.

Doebler, William, M.D., Lic. No. T1048, Bonita Springs, FL On August 20, 2021, the Board and William Doebler, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding him. The Board found Dr. Doebler was reprimanded by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois in May 2021.

Higgins, Stanley, M.D., Lic. No. Q3691, Dallas

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Stanley Higgins, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to within one year complete at least four hours of CME in ethics or risk management; and comply with the Wisconsin Waiver Order. The Board found Dr. Higgins signed a Waiver Order pursuant to disciplinary action by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

Kieran, Own Robert, D.O., Lic. No. P8148, Poinciana, FL

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Owen Robert Kieran, D.O., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000; and comply with all terms of the Florida Order dated on or about May 11, 2021. The Board found it was alleged Dr. Kieran was disciplined by the State of Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine due to performing a wrong site procedure on a patient.

Reyes, Kurt, M.D., Lic. No. R5927, McKinney

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Kurt Reyes, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Reyes and requiring him to within one year complete at least eight hours of CME in the topic treatment of obesity; and pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 per year for the Waiver Order. The Board found it was alleged Dr. Reyes was disciplined by the United States Army Command on

June 14, 2019 due to unprofessional conduct to include deleting medical profiles in his obesity practice without consulting treating physicians.

Steele, John Joseph, M.D., Lic. No. M8360, Southfield, MI On June 11, 2021, the Board and John Joseph Steele, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Steele and requiring him to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000. The Board found that it was alleged Dr. Steele was disciplined by the Surgeon General of the United States Air Force on December 30, 2020 due to falsification of official documents to gain off duty employment.

Takeuchi, Sean, M.D., Lic. No. R7910, Plantation, FL On August 20, 2021, the Board and Sean Takeuchi, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found that it was alleged in December 2019, Dr. Takeuchi was subject to disciplinary action by the Michigan Board of Medicine due to violations of the state's public health code.

Wheatley, Grayson, M.D., Lic. No. L2748, Nashville, TN On June 11, 2021, the Board and Grayson Wheatley, M.D., entered into a Waiver Order publicly reprimanding Dr. Wheatley and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found that it was alleged Dr. Wheatley was disciplined by the Arizona Medical Board for inappropriately providing telemedicine services to a 76-year-old patient.

IMPAIRMENT

Lewis, Robert Quarles, M.D., Lic. No. F1746, Corpus Christi

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Robert Quarles Lewis, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order lifting the suspension of Dr. Lewis' license and publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program. Dr. Lewis had been temporarily suspended due to impairment.

CEASE & DESISTS

Acuna, Juan, No License, Houston

On July 15, 2021, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Juan Acuna, prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Mr. Acuna was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud. Mr. Acuna was employed by Hillcroft Physicians where he posed as a licensed medical professional and examined, diagnosed, treated, referred, and prescribed drugs for patients, and falsified entries in patient medical and billing records.

Castillo, Fabiola, NCR, Dallas

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Fabiola Castillo, NCR, 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. The Board found Ms. Castillo engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine by providing injections to two patients to treat medical conditions without appropriate physician or midlevel supervision onsite and by also directly or indirectly charging for those treatments.

Chappell, Christopher, No License, Mansfield

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Christopher Chappell entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Chappell is prohibited from using advertising that may mislead the public regarding treatment that can mitigate or prevent COVID-19. The Board found Mr. Chappell's online company was advertising improper COVID-19 treatment claims and was issued a warning from the Federal Trade Commission.

Gregoire, Serge, No License, Webster

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Serge Gregoire entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas and shall correct all advertisements and websites to clarify that he is not a medical doctor, but instead a Ph.D. and that he is not licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Gregoire advertised "Houston Nutrition Mind and Body Solutions," where he allegedly treated a patient for terminal insomnia, nerve pain and weight control for a period of approximately three years. Mr. Gregoire advertised on a website which refers to him as a "Houston Functional Medicine doctor," calls him "Dr. Serge Gregoire," states that he has helped many people recover from chronic conditions, and does not specifically state that he is not licensed to practice medicine in the state.

Hajjar, Elie Hanna, No License, Houston

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Elie Hanna Hajjar entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Hajjar is

prohibited from acting as, or holding himself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Mr. Hajjar was employed by Hillcroft Physicians where he posed as a licensed medical professional and examined, diagnosed, treated, referred, and prescribed drugs for patients and maintained patient medical records. On February 23, 2021, Mr. Hajjar was indicted and charged with one count of Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud and four counts of making false statements related to health care matters.

Heil-Mealey, Polly, No License, Humble

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Polly Heil-Mealey entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas, and prohibiting her from referring to herself as a doctor or physician in any manner, including by referring to herself as "doctor," or "Dr.," unless she 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 found Ms. Heil-Mealey, by advertising medical services and holding herself out as a physician, engaged in the unlawful practice of medicine in the state of Texas.

Hernandez, Linda Jasmine, No License, Addison

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Linda Jasmine Hernandez entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a licensed issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Ms. Hernandez owns and operates Jasmine Day Spa which regularly advertised a variety of medical/ cosmetic services, including Botox and other injections and/or the use of prescription medical devices for cosmetic purposes. Ms. Hernandez failed to provide information regarding any supervision and indicated in her response to the Board that a medical director is not contracted with her spa.

Ingram, Alma, R.N./AKA Alma Nlemadin, R.N., San Antonio

On July 19, 2021, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Alma Ingram, R.N., prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Furthermore, Ms. Ingram shall not hold herself out as a physician or doctor in the state of Texas, including referring to herself as "doctor," or "Dr.," unless she 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 found Ms. Ingram held herself out as a doctor and offered to diagnose and/or treat medical conditions while seeking payment for her services.

Martin, Jenna Louise, APN, Pearland

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Jenna Louise Martin, APN, entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from engaging in the practice of medicine both in and from the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Martin engaged in the practice of medicine when she offered to treat, and treated patients, with medical services including stem cell treatments and regenerative therapy, and operated outside the scope of her practice and prescriptive authority agreement.

Nguyen, Kelly, No License, San Antonio

On August 20, 2021, the Board and Kelly Nguyen entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist Order prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a licensed issued by the Texas Medical Board. Ms. Nguyen is prohibited from acting as, or holding herself out to be, a licensed physician in the state of Texas. The Board found Ms. Nguyen performed facial injections and used prescription medical devices for cosmetic purposes without the proper medical supervision to perform such procedures.

Taylor, Jennifer, D.C., Plano

On June 17, 2021, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Jennifer Taylor, D.C. prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. Ms. Taylor shall cease and desist the practice of medicine and also designate the authority under which the title "doctor" or "Dr." is used or the college or honorary degree that gives rise to the use of the title. The Board found that Ms. Taylor, who holds a chiropractic license, engaged in the practice of medicine when she diagnosed, treated or offered to treat a patient for endocrine dysfunction and other medical conditions.

Thaler, Adam, No License, Austin

On June 4, 2021, the Board directed the Executive Director to enter a Cease and Desist Order regarding Adam Thaler prohibiting him from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board. The Board found Mr. Thaler operated a medical spa without proper physician oversight where cosmetic injections like Botox, Juvederm, Mesotheraphy, and other procedures were being performed.

Trejo, Jennifer, No License, Lake Worth

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Jennifer Trejo 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, and is prohibited from using advertising that may mislead the public regarding treatment that can mitigate or prevent COVID-19. The Board found that on April 10, 2020, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sent a warning letter to Abundant Life Wellness Center (ALWC) concerning unlawful advertisement on social media in regards to preventing and/or treating Coronavirus by purchasing Zyto hand cradles and supplements from ALWC. The advertisement had the potential to mislead the public into thinking Ms. Trejo was offering her services as a medical doctor.

Trigger, Martha, No License, Lake Worth

On June 11, 2021, the Board and Martha Trigger entered into an Agreed Cease and Desist prohibiting her from practicing medicine in the state of Texas without a license issued by the Texas Medical Board, and is prohibited from using advertising that may mislead the public regarding treatment that can mitigate or prevent COVID-19. The Board found that on April 10, 2020, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sent a warning letter to Abundant Life Wellness Center (ALWC) concerning unlawful advertisement on social media in regards to preventing and/or treating Coronavirus by purchasing Zyto hand cradles and supplements from ALWC. The advertisement had the potential to mislead the public into thinking Ms. Trigger was offering her services as a medical doctor.

Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

Hoerig, James Stephen, P.A., Lic. No. PA12154, Fort Worth

On July 9, 2021, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and James Stephen Hoerig, PA., entered into an Agreed Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Hoerig agreed to voluntarily surrender his Texas physician assistant license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Hoerig was under investigation for engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient and nontherapeutically prescribing to several patients and colleagues.

Idjagboro, Damian Okpako, P.A., Lic. No. PA03357, Richmond

On August 3, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Damian Okpako Idjagboro, P.A.'s Texas

physician assistant license by operation of law after Mr. Idjagboro's imprisonment on or about May 2019, following his guilty plea to one count of Aiding and Abetting Healthcare Fraud.

Mendez, Fernando, P.A., Lic. No. PA09267, Harlingen

On July 20, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas physician assistant license of Fernando Mendez, P.A., after determining his continuation in the practice as a physician assistant poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Mendez initiated a sexual relationship with a patient and has exhibited a pattern of conduct of violating boundaries with patients, and issuing prescriptions to those with whom he has a close personal relationship. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Menger, Charles Matthew, P.A., Lic. No. PA00031, Azle

On July 9, 2021, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Charles Matthew Menger, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Menger and requiring him to within 60 days pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000; within 60 days submit proof of completion of the outstanding 44 CME hours; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Mr. Menger failed to complete CME hours as required by his 2019 Remedial Plan.

Montoya, Christopher Felix, P.A., Lic. No. PA06048, San Antonio

On June 23, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas physician assistant license of Christopher Felix Montoya, P.A., after determining his continuation in the practice as a physician assistant poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board found Mr. Montoya has been indicted on charges related to health care fraud and despite his incarceration, was continuing to run his practice from jail. Mr. Montoya continued to bill Medicare for services rendered despite not being present at his clinics to treat patients. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Powell, Brian Matthew, P.A., Lic. No. PA01547, Dripping Springs

On July 9, 2021, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Brian Matthew Powell, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order prohibiting Mr. Powell from treating or otherwise serving as a physician assistant for himself, immediate family or others with which he has a close personal relationship; shall not prescribe, dispense, administer, or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential to himself, immediate family or others with which he has a close personal relationship; within six months complete at least 24 hours of CME, divided as follows: eight hours in medical recordkeeping, eight hours in risk management and eight hours in prescribing controlled substances; have his practice monitored by a physician or physician assistant for four consecutive monitoring cycles; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Mr. Powell treated a close family member prescribing them controlled substances for approximately 10 months.

Rosales, Jimmy, P.A., Lic. No. PA01304, Round Rock On July 9, 2021, the Texas Physician Assistant Board and Jimmy Rosales, P.A., entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to 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 30 days submit to the Board for review and approval all consent forms for complementary and alternative medicines, including stem cell treatments; within one year complete at least 8 hours of CME, divided as follows: four hours in risk management and four hours in ethics; and within six months pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. The Board found Mr. Rosales failed to follow Board Rule 200 and federal law regarding Complementary and Alternative Medicine and the use of stem cells, failed to adequately assess the patient, and maintain adequate medical records in his treatment of the patient.

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Disciplinary Actions

Anderson, Kevin Wayne, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00099583, Dallas

On June 25, 2021, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Kevin Wayne Anderson, MRT, which revoked his Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate. On January 13, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Anderson failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Anderson. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Anderson's certificate was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Anderson has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Bailey, David Scott, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00014314, Deer Park

On August 31, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate of David Scott Bailey, MRT, after determining his continuation in the practice of medical radiologic technology poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that on or about August 11, 2021, Mr. Bailey was arrested and charged with six counts of possession of child pornography, a third-degree felony. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Bailey, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Bailey. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Belcher, Taylor, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00108651, Tyler

On July 15, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate of Taylor Belcher, MRT, after determining her continuation in the practice of medical radiologic technology poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Ms. Belcher has been arrested and charged with felony drug possession multiple times including the most recent on or about May 27, 2021 in Arp, Texas. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Ms. Belcher, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Ms. Belcher. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Briones, David Daleth, NCT, Lic. No. NCR02001196, Chaparral, NM

On June 25, 2021, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and David Daleth Briones, NCT, entered into an Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender in which Mr. Briones was voluntarily removed from the Texas Non-Certified Radiological Technician Registry in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. The Board found Mr. Briones was under investigation for inappropriate conduct involving a coworker and patient.

Coles, Cadwallader, III, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00019743, Humble

On July 19, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate of Cadwallader Coles, III, MRT, after determining his continuation in the practice of medical radiologic technology poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately. The Board panel found that Mr. Coles is alleged to have sexually assaulted a patient during a CT scan and had been in possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal substances while he was working. Further, Mr. Coles admitted that he was under the influence of alcohol while working. A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Coles, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Coles. The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

Dawson, John W., MRT, Lic. No. GMR00015546, DeSoto

On June 25, 2021, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding John W. Dawson, MRT, which revoked his Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate. On January 13, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Dawson failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Dawson. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Dawson's certificate was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Dawson has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Garcia, Kevin, NCT, Lic. No. NCR00164568, Cibolo

On June 25, 2021, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Kevin Garcia, NCT, which removed him from the Texas Non-Certified Radiological Technician Registry. On March 29, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Garcia failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Garcia. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Garcia was removed from the registry. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Garcia has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Hampton, Gregary Alan, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00014732, Grand Prairie

On June 25, 2021, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology entered a Default Order regarding Gregary Alan Hampton, MRT, which revoked his Texas medical radiologic technologist certificate. On January 21, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Hampton failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Mr. Hampton. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Mr. Hampton's certificate was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Mr. Hampton has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Pons, Darrin, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00106557, Austin

On September 3, 2021, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, revoked Darrin Pons, MRT's certificate by operation of law after Mr. Pons' imprisonment on July 14, 2021, following a felony conviction.

Wesley, Joseph, MRT, Lic. No. GMR00019930, Fresno

On June 25, 2021, the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology and Joseph Wesley, MRT, entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring Mr. Wesley to the Texas Physician Health Program and requiring him to within one year complete eight hours of CE in ethics; and within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam. The Board found Mr. Wesley was given a Felony Supervision order following his arrest for diving while intoxicated, 3rd or more offense, a third-degree felony.

Texas Board of Respiratory Care Disciplinary Actions

De La Cerda, Gustavo, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00061850, McAllen

On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Gustavo De La Cerda, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP). The Board found Mr. De La Cerda violated his TXPHP agreement by testing positive for alcohol twice.

Martinez, Christopher B., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00062718, New Braunfels

On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Christopher B. Martinez, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Mr. Martinez and requiring him to comply with all terms of his community supervision entered in February 2020; and within one year complete at least 6 hours of CE in ethics. The Board found Mr. Martinez violated his 2019 Order and on February 13, 2020, he pled guilty to assault to cause bodily injury, family violence with prior conviction, third degree felo-

ny. The order resolves a formal complaint filed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Njoka, James, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00075150, Denison On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and James Njoka, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing requiring him to comply with all terms of the Order of Deferred Adjudication entered in August 2020; and within one year complete at least four hours of CE in

ethics. The Board found Mr. Njoka was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation, second degree felony and assault causing bodily injury to a family member, class A misdemeanor. Mr. Njoka entered a plea of guilty and an Order of Deferred Adjudication was entered against him.

Payne, Michael Lee, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00059138, Amarillo On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Michael Lee Payne, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order publicly reprimanding Mr. Payne and publicly referring him to the Texas Physician Health Program; and requiring him to complete eight hours of CE, divided as follows: four hours in ethics and four hours in risk management. The Board found Mr. Payne appeared at work under the influence of alcohol.

Reavis, Leslie, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00067048, Camp Wood On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care entered a Default Order regarding Leslie Reavis, RCP, which revoked her Texas respiratory care practitioner permit. On January 21, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. Reavis failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Ms. Reavis. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. Reavis' permit was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SOAH. Ms. Reavis has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

Richards, Sakura M., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00073988, Grand Prairie

On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Sakura M. Richards, RCP, entered into an Agreed Order on Formal Filing publicly reprimanding Ms. Richards and requiring her to within one year and three attempts pass the Medical Jurisprudence Exam; and within one year complete at least 24 hours of CE, divided as follows: eight hours in risk management, four hours in HIPAA, four hours in patient communications and eight hours in ethics. The Board found Ms. Richards was terminated from her employer following her livestreaming at work on Facebook discussing patients.

Valenzuela, Ivan, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00078429, San Antonio

On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Ivan Valenzuela, RCP, entered into a Modification Order modifying his 2018 Order. The modification requires him to participate the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than three times a week; within 30 days obtain a preapproved board certified psychiatrist and follow all recommendations for care and treatment; inform the Board of any change of practice or mailing address and the terms shall continue without amendment until June 24, 2023. All other terms of the 2018 Order remain in full effect until superseded by subsequent order of the Board.

Vargas, Anastacio, Jr., RCP, Lic. No. RCP00053849, Tomball

On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care and Anastacio Vargas, Jr., RCP, entered into an Agreed Order requiring him to abstain from the consumption of prohibited substances as defined in the Order; participate in the Board's drug testing program; participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous no less than two times a week; within 30 days obtain a pre-approved respiratory care practitioner worksite monitor; and obtain an independent medical evaluation from a pre-approved board certified psychiatrist and follow all recommendations made for care and treatment. The Board found Mr. Vargas was terminated from the Texas Physician Health Program due to non-compliance with his monitoring and assistance agreement.

White, Bethany Maria, RCP, Lic. No. RCP00069023, Clyde

On June 24, 2021, the Texas Board of Respiratory Care entered a Default Order regarding Bethany Maria White, RCP, which revoked her Texas respiratory care practitioner permit. On April 13, 2021, the Board filed a Complaint with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), alleging unprofessional conduct. Ms. White failed to appear at the SOAH hearing and no responsive pleading was ever filed by Ms. White. The Board granted a Determination of Default and Ms. White's permit was revoked by Default Order. This order resolves a formal complaint filed at SO-AH. Ms. White has 25 days from the service of the order to file a motion for rehearing.

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Physician Licenses

The Texas Medical Board issued 1,678 physician licenses between May 18, 2021 and August 31, 2021. Congratulations to the following:

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Yaser Al Qasimi, M.D. Firas Al Solaiman, M.D. Muaz Alabd Alrazzak, M.D. Bola Aladegbami, M.D. Kalyan Chakravarthy Alapati, D.O. Guido Fernando Alarcon Mantilla, M.D. Alaa Alashi, M.D. Daniel Albo, M.D. Todd Spencer Albright, D.O. Chevon Marie Alderson, M.D. Christienne P. Alexander, M.D. Johnny Octavious Alexander, M.D. Bader Aldeen Alhafez, M.D. Zahra Alhajji, M.D. Raheel Ahmed Ali, M.D. Zahra Piyar Ali, M.D. Farman Ali, M.D. Zeeshan Ali, M.D. Ameer Syed Ali, D.O. Nora Sayel Ali, M.D. Huzair Ali, M.D. Yaser Alkhatib, M.D. Meredith Walker Allain, M.D. Scott Thomas Allen, M.D. Joanna Mbramos Allison, M.D. Fahd Alnori M. Almohid, M.D. Alex Alonso, M.D. Elizabeth Ann Alore, M.D. Qaisar Alshebani, D.O. Julio Cesar Alvarenga Thiebaud, M.D. Miguel Augusto Alvarez Silva, M.D. Gustavo Alejandro Alvarez-Paiva, M.D. Fozail Alvi, M.D. Layth Haitham Alzubaidy, M.D. Pamela Jayne Amelung, M.D. Nathan Wallace Anderson, M.D. Mary Elizabeth Anderson, M.D. Jess T. Anderson, D.O. Fernando A. Angarita, M.D. Chidi Chinedum Ani, M.D. Ashish A. Ankola, M.D. Eberechi Anozie, D.O. Asif Ahsan Ansari, M.D. Micheal Ogorchuwkwu Anyirah, Jr., D.O. Jelili Atinusola Apalara, M.D. Ralph Andrei Apolinario, M.D. Suzanne Lei Aquino, M.D. Bassem Nimr Arab, M.D. Adam Trent Archie, M.D. Aaron Todd Arel, D.O. Estylan Dan Arellano, D.O. Robert Arena, M.D. Muhammad Osman Arif, M.D. Alexandra Anatolievna Armstrong, M.D.

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