

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
PAUL COLEMAN, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S  
ORDER OF  
SUMMARY  
ACTION

TO: Paul Coleman, M.D.

The undersigned, Sally Dreslin, M.S., R.N., Executive Deputy Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction, Texas Medical Board, has made a finding substantially equivalent to a finding that the practice of medicine by Paul Coleman, M.D. (the Respondent), New York license number 184706, in that jurisdiction constitutes an imminent danger to the health of its people, as is more fully set forth in the Order of Temporary Suspension, dated July 23, 2019 (henceforth: "predicate action"), attached hereto as Appendix "A" and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York, or practice in any setting under the authority of Respondent's New York license.

Any practice of medicine in violation of this Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within thirty days after the final conclusion of the disciplinary proceeding in the predicate action. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub.

Health Law §230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Hearing or Notice of Referral Proceeding to be provided to the Respondent after the final conclusion of the proceeding in the predicate action. Said written Notice may be provided in person, by mail, or by other means. If Respondent wishes to be provided said written notice at an address other than that set forth above, Respondent shall so notify, in writing, both the attorney whose name is set forth in this Order, and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, at the addresses set forth below.

Respondent shall notify the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719 via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, of the final conclusion of the proceeding in the predicate action, immediately upon such conclusion.

THE NEW YORK PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York  
August 15, 2019

  
Sally Dreslin, M.S., R.N.  
Executive Deputy Commissioner of Health  
New York State Department of Health

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Paul Coleman, M.D.  


# Appendix A

LICENSE NO. H-5757

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE LICENSE OF  
PAUL H. COLEMAN, M.D.

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY  
PANEL OF THE  
TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**  
**(WITHOUT NOTICE OF HEARING)**

On July 23, 2019, came to be heard before the Disciplinary Panel (Panel) of the Texas Medical Board (Board), composed of Margaret McNeese, M.D., Sharon Barnes, and Michael Cokinos, members of the Board duly in session, the matter of the Application for Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing) of the license of Paul H. Coleman, M.D. (Respondent). Susan Rodriguez represented Board staff. Based on evidence submitted, the Board through this Panel makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing):

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a pathologist with current practice and mailing addresses in Odessa, Texas.
2. In July 2019, Board staff received information that on or about June 10, 2019, Respondent was arrested for possession and promotion of lewd visual material depicting children, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana over four ounces and under five pounds in a drug free zone, all felonies.
3. According to information from law enforcement, an investigation was commenced after the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provided a CyberTip that images depicting child pornography were uploaded using an IP address associated with Respondent's mailing address of record with the Board. It was reported that nine images were uploaded between February 9-14, 2019.
4. Authorities executed a search warrant at Respondent's home. During the execution of the search warrant, investigators found a ledger near Respondent's computer with about two dozen disturbing search terms commonly associated with internet searches for child pornography.

5. During the search Respondent was interviewed and indicated that he lived alone in the residence associated with the IP address and that no one else has access to his personal computer or cell phone. He also reportedly told investigators that he did not think there was anything wrong with looking at images as long as he did not hurt a child.

6. According to jail records, Respondent posted bond and was released from custody on or about June 11, 2019.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Panel concludes the following:

1. Section 164.059 of the Act authorizes the Disciplinary Panel to temporarily suspend or restrict the medical license of Respondent if the Disciplinary Panel determines from evidence presented to it that the Respondent's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare.

2. Based on the evidence presented and the Findings of Fact set forth herein, the Disciplinary Panel finds that Respondent violated Section 164.052(a)(5) of the Act, which authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based upon Respondent's unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public, as provided by Section 164.053, or injure the public, and further defined by Board Rule 190.8(2)(R), commission of the following violation of federal and state laws whether or not there is a complaint, indictment, or conviction, specifically, (i) any felony.

3. Based on the evidence presented and the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel determines that Respondent's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare.

#### ORDER

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel ORDERS that:

1. Respondent's Texas Medical License No. H-5757 is hereby TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

2. This Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing) is effective on the date rendered.

3. Notice of this Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing) shall be given immediately to Respondent.

4. A hearing on the Application for Temporary Suspension (With Notice of Hearing) will hereby be scheduled before a Disciplinary Panel of the Board at a date to be determined as soon as practicable, at the offices of the Board, unless such hearing is specifically waived by Respondent.

5. This Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing) shall remain in effect until such time as a hearing on the Application for Temporary Suspension (With Notice of Hearing) is conducted and a Disciplinary Panel enters an order, or until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

Signed and entered this July 23, 2019.

  
Margaret McNeese, M.D.  
Chair, Disciplinary Panel  
Texas Medical Board