

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MEDICAL MISINFORMATION OR DISINFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners agrees with the following statement of the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards

Physicians who generate and spread COVID-19 vaccine misinformation or disinformation are risking disciplinary action by state medical boards, including the suspension or revocation of their medical license. Due to their specialized knowledge and training, licensed physicians possess a high degree of public trust and therefore have a powerful platform in society, whether they recognize it or not. They also have an ethical and professional responsibility to practice medicine in the best interests of their patients and must share information that is factual, scientifically grounded and consensus-driven for the betterment of public health. Spreading inaccurate COVID-19 vaccine information contradicts that responsibility, threatens to further erode public trust in the medical profession and puts all patients at risk.

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on this the 21st day of September 2021.



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