

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

MARIA DORIA, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 02-11-506

STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Combined)

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board), and Maria Doria, M.D., (Respondent), on April 19, 2012, and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), enter into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

1. Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. 37883 on June 23, 2008.
2. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on July 1, 2012.
3. The Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

COUNT I

4. **Discipline by Another Licensing Authority:** Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(d) for having a license to practice medicine revoked or suspended, or having other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority of another state, territory, or country. A certified copy of the record or order of suspension, revocation, or disciplinary action is prima facie evidence.

STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

5. Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices family medicine in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
6. Respondent formerly practiced family medicine at the Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia.
7. On May 2, 2011, Respondent entered into a Public Consent Order with the Georgia Composite Medical Board (Georgia Board). The Georgia Board alleged that Respondent failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine in her treatment of a female pregnant patient when Respondent: failed to emergently respond to signals of fetal distress; was inconsistent in her interpretation of the fetal heart rate tracing; and delayed seeking an obstetrics consultation; resulting in an adverse patient outcome. The Georgia Board prohibited Respondent from practicing obstetrics and/or gynecology until she completed forty (40) hours of continuing medical education in the areas of obstetrics and gynecology. Respondent was also ordered to pay a \$7,500 fine. Respondent completed the required continuing medical education and the restriction on her Georgia medical license was terminated on June 8, 2011.
8. Respondent subsequently entered into a Stipulation with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Wisconsin Board) based on the same allegations. On November 16, 2011, the Wisconsin Board issued Respondent a reprimand and ordered her to pay costs in the amount of \$1,000.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

9. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state due to concerns about her obstetrical care to a female pregnant patient in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa in the future may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of her Iowa medical license.

10. **CIVIL PENALTY:** Respondent shall be assessed a **\$1,000 civil penalty**. The civil penalty shall be paid within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order. The civil penalty shall be payable to the Treasurer of Iowa, shall be mailed to the executive director of the Board and shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

11. Respondent voluntarily submits this Order to the Board for consideration.

12. This Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

13. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Order, the Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke Respondent's Iowa medical license or to impose other license discipline as authorized in Iowa Code Chapters 148 and 272 and 653 IAC 12.2.

14. By entering into this Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges and waives any objections to the terms of this Order.

15. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

16. Respondent understands that by entering into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Respondent cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after a Statement of Charges is filed but before the final resolution of those charges.

17. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

18. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.



Maria Doria, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 29, 2012.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin.



Monica M. Wolfe
Commission expired
1-18-15.

This Order is approved by the Board on April 19, 2012.



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