

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

TIMOTHY D. LIGHT, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 02-09-253

TERMINATION ORDER

Date: January 25, 2013.

1. Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. 36893 on September 25, 2006.
2. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on July 1, 2013.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 148 and 272C.
4. Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced trauma surgery and currently practices general surgery in Iowa City, Iowa.
5. On April 9, 2010, the Board ordered Respondent to complete a confidential comprehensive clinical competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians in Denver, Colorado. Respondent completed the clinical competency evaluation on May 26-27, 2010. Respondent performed very well during the evaluation and demonstrated good medical knowledge, clinical judgment and reasoning, communication skills and medical record keeping.

6. At the direction of the Board, Respondent successfully completed a Board-approved disruptive behavior/unprofessional conduct assessment.

7. On January 25, 2011, Respondent entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Respondent with failing to provide appropriate surgical care to eight patients and for engaging in unprofessional conduct toward co-workers while practicing trauma surgery in Iowa City, Iowa, between June 2007 and August 2008. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Respondent a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also limited Respondent to a Board-approved practice setting and placed him on probation for a period of two years subject to Board monitoring.

8. Respondent successfully completed the terms of the January 25, 2011, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement on January 25, 2013.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the terms and conditions of Respondent's order are terminated and Respondent's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

This Order is issued by the Board on January 25, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey T. Snyder", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey T. Snyder, M.D., Vice Chairman
Iowa Board of Medicine
400 SW 8th Street, Suite C
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4686

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**STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Combined)**

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board), and Timothy D. Light, M.D., (Respondent), on January 25, 2011, 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

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COUNT I

4. Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code sections 147.55(2), 148.6(2)(g) and 272C.10(2), and 653 IAC 23.1(2)(f) for failing to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine in Iowa.

COUNT II

5. Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code sections 147.55(3) and 272C.10(3) and 653 IAC 23.1(4) with engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

6. Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who practices surgery in Iowa City, Iowa.

7. The Board received information which indicates that Respondent had his privileges to practice trauma surgery suspended on April 3, 2009, due to concerns about his surgical care and unprofessional conduct toward co-workers.

8. The Board alleges that Respondent failed to provide appropriate surgical care to eight trauma patients between June 2007 and August 2008, including the following:

- A. Respondent failed to appropriately manage the treatment of several trauma patients, including ordering the wrong blood type, failing to timely respond to a page, and failing to appropriately address a patient with multiple injuries;
- B. Respondent failed to use antiseptic or sterile technique while performing a surgical procedure;
- C. Respondent moved a patient with broken ribs in an inappropriate manner, inappropriately manipulated the leg of a patient with leg fractures, and utilized an inappropriate technique to maintain an in-line C-spine; and
- D. Respondent made inappropriate comments to co-workers in the course of providing patient care.

9. Respondent has filed an Answer with this order denying the Board's allegations.

10. At the direction of the Board, Respondent successfully completed a Board-approved disruptive behavior/unprofessional conduct assessment.

11. On April 9, 2010, the Board ordered Respondent to complete a clinical competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians in Denver, Colorado. Respondent completed the clinical competency evaluation on May 26-27, 2010. Respondent performed very well during the evaluation and demonstrated good medical knowledge, clinical judgment and reasoning, communication skills and medical record keeping.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

12. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for failing to conform to the minimal standard care and engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine in Iowa. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that failure to conform to the minimal standard of care or engaging in unprofessional conduct in the future may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of his Iowa medical license.

13. **CIVIL PENALTY:** Respondent shall be assessed a **\$5,000** 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.

14. **BOARD-APPROVED PRACTICE SETTING:** Respondent shall practice medicine in a Board-approved practice setting only. Respondent shall notify the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to any change in practice or change in practice location.

15. **TWO YEARS PROBATION:** Respondent shall be placed on **probation for a period of two years** subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. **Monitoring Program:** Respondent shall contact Shantel Billington, Compliance Monitor, Iowa Board of Medicine, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309-4686, Ph.#515-281-3654 to establish a monitoring program. Respondent shall fully comply with the monitoring program.
- B. **Worksite Monitor:** Respondent agrees to submit for Board approval the name of a physician or other Board-approved healthcare professional who regularly observes and/or supervises Respondent in a practice setting to serve as worksite monitor. The Board shall provide the worksite monitor a copy of this Order. The worksite monitor shall provide a written statement indicating that the monitor has read and understands the Board orders and agrees to serve as the worksite monitor under the terms of this Order. The worksite monitor shall agree to inform the Board immediately if there is evidence of a violation of the standard of care or unprofessional conduct. The monitor shall agree to submit written quarterly reports to the Board concerning Respondent not later than 1/20, 4/20, 7/20 and 10/20 of each year of this Order.
- C. **Quarterly Reports:** Respondent agrees to file sworn quarterly reports attesting to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order not later than 1/10, 4/10, 7/10 and 10/10 of each year of this Order.

D. **Board Appearances:** Respondent agrees to appear before the Board annually or upon request for the duration of the period of probation. Respondent shall be given reasonable notice of the date, time and location for the appearances. Said appearances shall be subject to the waiver provisions of 653 IAC 24.2(5)(e)(3).

E. **Monitoring Fee:** Respondent shall make a payment of \$100 to the Board each quarter for the duration of this Order to cover the Board's monitoring expenses in this matter. The monitoring fee shall be received by the Board with each quarterly report required under this Order. The monitoring fee shall be sent to: Shantel Billington, Compliance Monitor, Iowa Board of Medicine, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309-4686. The check shall be made payable to the Iowa Board of Medicine. The monitoring fee shall be considered repayment receipts as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

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

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

18. 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.

19. 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.

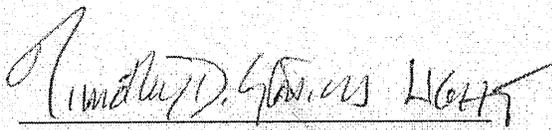
20. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

21. Periods of residence or practice outside the state of Iowa shall not apply to the duration of this Order unless Respondent obtains prior written approval from the Board. Periods in which Respondent does not practice medicine or fails to comply with the terms established in this Order shall not apply to the duration of this Order unless Respondent obtains prior written approval from the Board.

22. 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.

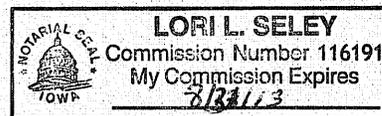
23. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

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


Timothy D. Light, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on Jan 19, 2011.

Notary Public, State of Iowa



This Order is approved by the Board on January 25, 2011.



Rodney Zeitler, M.D., Vice Chair
Iowa Board of Medicine
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