

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

STEVEN D. SOHN, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 02-09-474

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

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board), and Steven D. Sohn, M.D., (Respondent), on January 13, 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

1. Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. 24276 on July 2, 1984.
2. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on May 1, 2011.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

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.

STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

5. Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who practices family and geriatric medicine in Perry, Iowa.

6. In September 2009, the Board received information which alleges that Respondent failed to provide appropriate care to a child in March 2008 when he failed to perform a thorough evaluation, including a heart sound exam, and he failed to admit the patient to the hospital, given the patient's history and symptoms and the child died.

7. On February 4, 2010, the Board ordered Respondent to complete a confidential clinical competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) in Denver, Colorado. Respondent completed the clinical competency evaluation on May 10-11, 2010. Respondent performed very well during the evaluation and demonstrated good medical knowledge, clinical judgment and reasoning, communication skills and medical record keeping.

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

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

9. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for failing to provide appropriate care to a pediatric patient in March 2008. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that failure to conform to the prevailing standard of care may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of his Iowa medical license.

10. **CIVIL PENALTY:** Respondent shall be assessed a **\$2,500** 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. **PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE (CME):** Respondent shall complete Board-approved continuing medical education (CME) in pediatric emergency medicine within sixty (60) days of the date of this order. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the pediatric emergency medicine CME.

12. **ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (CME):** Respondent shall complete Board-approved continuing medical education (CME) in electrocardiogram interpretation within sixty (60) days of the date of this order. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the electrocardiogram CME.

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

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

15. 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.

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

17. 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.

18. 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

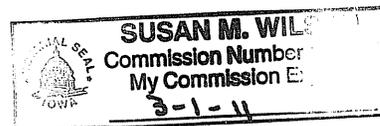
established in this Order shall not apply to the duration of this Order unless Respondent obtains prior written approval from the Board.

19. 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.

20. 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.

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


Steven D. Sohn, M.D., Respondent

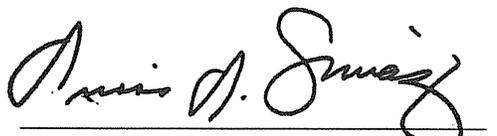




Subscribed and sworn to before me on Dec 29, 2010

Notary Public, State of IOWA.

This Order is approved by the Board on January 13, 2011.


Siroos S. Shirazi, M.D., Chairman
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