

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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At its regular meeting held in Des Moines on November 4, 1999, the Board took disciplinary action against the following Iowa licensed physicians:

Steven Dominguez, M.D., a 40 year old physician practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Dr. Dominguez was charged with knowingly making misleading representations in the practice of medicine. Dr. Dominguez was issued a Citation and Warning and ordered to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty.

Rochelle Levy, D.O., a 57 year old physician practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Dr. Levy was charged with engaging in unethical conduct when she engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a patient. Dr. Levy's medical license is suspended for sixty (60) days and placed on five years probation under certain terms and conditions. Dr. Levy was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty.

John S. McDonald, M.D., a 61 year old physician practicing in Columbus, Ohio, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. Dr. McDonald was charged with being disciplined by the medical licensing authority of the State of Ohio for writing or authorizing prescriptions for controlled substances to himself and/or family members in violation of Ohio law. Dr. McDonald's Iowa medical license was placed on probation under certain terms and conditions and he is permanently prohibited from prescribing controlled substances to himself and immediate family members.

Todd Ver Hoef, M.D., a 35 year old psychiatrist from Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Dr. Ver Hoef was charged with engaging in unethical conduct when he, engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient, violated patient confidentiality and inappropriately prescribed controlled substances to a patient. Dr. Ver Hoef's Iowa medical license has been indefinitely suspended.