

**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Mohammad F. Abdel-Hameed, M.D., a 63 year-old physician from Orlando, Florida, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Abdel-Hameed was disciplined by the Florida Medical Board for failing to provide appropriate medical care and engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a staff member while examining her for a health related concern. Dr. Abdel-Hameed has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Surendra P. Agarwal, M.D., a 58 year-old physician from Effingham, Illinois, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. The Illinois Medical Board charged Dr. Agarwal with failure to maintain a clean and safe clinical environment, performing unnecessary diagnostic tests and providing unnecessary medical treatment for financial gain without medical justification. Dr. Agarwal has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Ravindra Alapati, M.D., a 44 year-old physician from Anaheim, California, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Alapati was disciplined by the California Medical Board for engaging in insider trading in violation of California law. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Jeffery L. Allyn, M.D., a 44 year-old physician currently practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, was charged by the Board for violating a Board Order. Dr. Allyn's Iowa medical license was originally placed on probation on December 16, 1996, due to substance abuse. Dr. Allyn was disciplined on July 15, 1999, for using controlled substances in violation of his original Board Order. On October 27, 1999, the Board charged Dr. Allyn for failing to contact the Board's drug screening program in violation of his Board Order. Most recently, Dr. Allyn is being charged with failing to provide a urine sample for drug screening in violation of his Board Order. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

James P. Balters, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Omaha, Nebraska, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Balters was disciplined by the Nebraska Medical Board for substance abuse. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Jayant C. Bhalerao, M.D., a 57 year-old physician from Galesburg, Illinois, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. Dr. Bhalerao was being investigated by the Iowa Board after he surrendered his North Carolina medical license.

Steven D. Bischof, D.O., a 47 year-old physician from Ellijay, Georgia, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Bischof was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of another state. The Georgia Board charged Dr. Bischof with engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient. The Iowa Board ordered Dr. Bischof to successfully complete a professional sexual misconduct evaluation prior to returning to practice in Iowa. Dr. Bischof has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Charles C. Cook, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Hot Springs, Arkansas, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. The Arkansas Board revoked Dr. Cook's Arkansas medical license, stayed the revocation, and placed Dr. Cook's license on probation for substance abuse. Dr. Cook has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Kelly R. Danks, M.D., a 43 year-old physician from Fayetteville, Arkansas, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Danks was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of another state. Dr. Danks was charged by the Arkansas Board with inhaling nitrous oxide without a prescription and with no medical reason and with suffering from a mental condition, which rendered him incompetent to practice medicine. Dr. Danks' Iowa medical license was placed on indefinite probation under certain terms and conditions. Dr. Danks has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Ronald A. Distelhorst, M.D., a 58 year-old physician from Palatine, Illinois, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. The Illinois Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Distelhorst's medical license after he abandoned his medical practice and failed to appropriately respond to the Illinois Board investigation. Dr. Distelhorst has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Edeliro A. Escobar, M.D., a 64 year-old physician practicing in Fort Madison, Iowa, was charged by the Board with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to an immediate family member on numerous occasions between 1997 and June 2001. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Edward J. Hagen, M.D., a 69 year-old physician formerly practicing in Sioux City, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in unprofessional conduct when, while performing a manual extraction of a second trimester fetus after miscarriage on a teenage patient, he failed to appropriately communicate with the patient and failed to appropriately respond to the patient's complaints of pain. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Neil Ellsworth Hoyal, D.O., a 45 year-old physician from Nashwauk, Minnesota, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Hoyal was disciplined by the Minnesota Board for engaging in abusive behavior in the practice of medicine. Dr. Hoyal has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Cassim Igram, D.O., a 45 year-old physician from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Igram's Illinois medical license was placed on permanent irrevocable inactive status for engaging in unprofessional, unethical and dishonorable conduct when he provided nutritional consultation to several individuals. Dr. Igram has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Wayne E. Imber, M.D., a 45 year-old physician formerly from Rochester, Minnesota, was charged by the Iowa Board with voluntarily surrendering his California medical license on August 21, 1997, following allegations that he engaged in repeated acts of excessive prescribing and administering of treatment and repeated acts of excessive use of diagnostic or treatment facilities from 1992 thru 1994. Dr. Imber has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Michael S. Miller, D.O., a 42 year-old physician from Linton, Indiana, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. Dr. Miller was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Miller entered into a Consent Order with the Illinois Medical Board placing his Illinois medical license on indefinite probation under certain terms and conditions for failing to provide appropriate medical care in his performance of four laparoscopic procedures. Dr. Miller is indefinitely prohibited from performing laparoscopic procedures under his Iowa license. Dr. Miller has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Walter Warren Mills, II, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Rohnert Park, California, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Mills was disciplined by the California Board for inappropriately prescribing excessive amounts of controlled substances and failure to maintain appropriate medical records in his care to two patients. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Richard Lee Pinegar, Jr., M.D., a 50 year-old physician from Bristol, Rhode Island, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. The Massachusetts Board suspended Dr. Pinegar's medical license, stayed the suspension, and placed Dr. Pinegar's license on probation for substance abuse. Dr. Pinegar has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Juan Manuel Rios, M.D., a 54 year-old physician from Salt Lake City, Utah, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. The Illinois Board disciplined Dr. Rios for failing to file state and federal tax returns in violation of the law. Dr. Rios has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Anthony Saracino, M.D., a 46 year-old physician from Indialantic, Florida, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. Dr. Saracino was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. Dr. Saracino was disciplined by the Maine Board with engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a patient on one occasion. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Saracino a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by another licensing authority and ordered him to successfully complete a professional misconduct evaluation prior to practicing in Iowa. Dr. Saracino has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Kenzo Sato, M.D., a 62 year-old physician from Dubuque, Iowa, was charged with professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public when he failed to provide appropriate dermatological care and treatment to at least two patients. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Gerard J. Stanley, M.D., a 53 year-old physician from Onawa, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct or practice detrimental to the public when on one occasion he inappropriately allowed an unlicensed individual to participate in a medical procedure. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Frederick H. Stansbury, Jr., D.O., a 46 year-old physician practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, was charged by the Board with professional incompetency, engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public and engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct. Dr. Stansbury was charged with failing to provide appropriate emergency medical care to at least five patients and inappropriately engaging in a sexual relationship with a co-worker, to whom he prescribed controlled substances on at least one occasion. A hearing in the matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Richard A. Strickler, Jr., D.O., a 46 year-old physician practicing in Ankeny, Iowa, was charged by the Board with professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public when he failed to provide appropriate emergency medical care to at least three patients. A hearing in the matter is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

Norman D. Thede, M.D., a 67 year-old physician formerly practicing in Britt, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Thede was charged by the Board with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances. Dr. Thede voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve the pending disciplinary charges.