

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

Akella Chandrasekhar, M.D., a 44 year-old surgeon who formerly practiced in Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On August 17, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Chandrasekhar with engaging in professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public in the practice of medicine. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for November 29, 2006.

Jeffrey J. Joyce, M.D., a 34 year-old anesthesiologist practicing in Clinton, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve a pending disciplinary charges. On July 21, 2004, the Board granted Dr. Joyce a permanent Iowa medical license and he was placed on five years probation subject to certain terms and conditions for engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct during his residency training in Iowa. Dr. Joyce was required to have a female chaperone present when treating female patients. The Board received information which indicates that Dr. Joyce failed to have a chaperone present while treating female patients in violation of his Board Order. The Board issued Dr. Joyce a public reprimand, ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine, required him to complete an ethics program and Dr. Joyce was placed on indefinite probation subject to certain terms and conditions.

Kumar R. Mullangi, M.D., a 40 year-old urologist from Burlington, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license immediately suspended by the Board. On August 21, 2006, the Board filed an emergency order immediately suspending Dr. Mullangi's Iowa medical license after it determined that he engaged in a pattern of professional incompetency and practice harmful or detrimental to the public in his treatment of numerous patients. The Board concluded that Dr. Mullangi's continued practice of medicine poses an immediate danger to the public and is a serious and immediate threat to patient health. A hearing on the license suspension is scheduled for September 20, 2006.

Richard S. Piazza, D.O., a 49 year-old physician from Orlando, Florida, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On August 17, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Piazza with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct and engaging in fraud in procuring a medical license. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for October 12, 2006.