

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following actions:

[Adel S. Al-Jurf, M.D.](#), a 67-year-old physician who formerly practiced surgery in Iowa City, Iowa, had a disciplinary decision issued by the Board on January 13, 2011. On May 21, 2009, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Al-Jurf alleging that he engaged in a pattern of unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa, including, verbally abusive behavior toward co-workers and other healthcare professionals; he frequently became angry, yelled, and swore at co-workers and other healthcare professionals; he grabbed female co-workers by their arms and shoulders in an aggressive manner on two separate occasions; and his behavior created a hostile workplace. A hearing was held before the Board on October 28, 2010, and on January 13, 2011, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Al-Jurf engaged in a pattern of unprofessional, hostile, and intimidating behavior in the practice of medicine. The Board issued Dr. Al-Jurf a public reprimand and placed him on probation for a period of three years subject to counseling and Board monitoring.

[Timothy D. Light, M.D.](#), a 43-year-old surgeon who practices medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on January 25, 2011. The Board charged Dr. Light for failing to provide appropriate treatment to several trauma surgery patients and engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct toward co-workers. At the direction of the Board, Dr. Light completed a Board-approved unprofessional conduct assessment and a comprehensive clinical competency evaluation. Under the terms of the January 25, 2011, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Light a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine. Dr. Light is also required to practice in a Board-approved practice setting and he has been placed on probation for a period of two years subject to Board monitoring.

[Steven D. Sohn, M.D.](#), a 53-year-old physician who practices family medicine in Perry, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on January 13, 2011. The Board charged Dr. Sohn for failing 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. At the direction of the Board, Dr. Sohn completed a comprehensive clinical competency evaluation on May 10-11, 2010. Dr. Sohn performed very well during the evaluation and demonstrated good medical knowledge, clinical judgment and reasoning, communication skills and medical record keeping. Under the terms of the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Sohn a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 fine and complete additional education for pediatric emergency medicine and electrocardiogram interpretation.

[Fawad S. Zafar, M.D.](#), a 49-year-old West Des Moines physician who has practiced urology in Bloomfield, Centerville, Chariton, Corydon, Osceola and Oskaloosa, Iowa, had a disciplinary decision issued by the Board on January 13, 2011. On January 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Zafar alleging that he failed to provide appropriate urology and general surgery treatment to numerous patients. On November 19-20, 2009, a hearing was held before a three member panel of the Board. On March 10, 2010, the panel issued a Proposed Decision of the Panel concluding that Dr. Zafar failed to provide appropriate treatment to patients and imposed sanctions. Dr. Zafar and the State appealed the Panel

Decision. On October 22, 2010, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order affirming the Panel Decision. On November 17, 2010, Dr. Zafar filed a Request for Rehearing asking the Board to reconsider the October 22, 2010, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. Oral argument was received by the Board on December 17, 2010, and on January 13, 2011, the Board issued a Decision on Request for Rehearing affirming the October 22, 2010, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. Dr. Zafar is prohibited from practicing general surgery unless he completes a Board-approved comprehensive clinical competency evaluation and receives written approval from the Board. The Board also restricted Dr. Zafar's urology practice to office-based type surgical procedures. The Board also issued Dr. Zafar a public reprimand and ordered him to pay \$5,000 fine and complete a medical record keeping course.

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