

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

[Louis W. Brittingham, D.O.](#), a 79 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced radiology in Decorah and Cresco, Iowa, as a locum tenens physician from July 20, 2009, to August 14, 2009, entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board on August 18, 2011. The Board alleged that Dr. Brittingham failed to conform to the minimal standard of care for the practice of radiology when alleged discrepancies were noted in scans that he read for several patients in Decorah and Cresco, Iowa, between July 20, 2009, and August 14, 2009. Under the terms of the Stipulated Order, Dr. Brittingham voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

[Mark E. Buchanan, M.D.](#), 46-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices orthopedic surgery in Bowling Green, Kentucky, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. In 2008, Dr. Buchanan successfully completed substance abuse treatment and monitoring by the Iowa Physician Health Program. On May 7, 2009, Dr. Buchanan entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. The Board charged Dr. Buchanan for failing to attend several scheduled elective surgical procedures and failing to make appropriate coverage arrangements for patients at a West Des Moines clinic in 2008. In June of 2009, Dr. Buchanan was granted a Kentucky medical license, conditional upon maintaining a contractual relationship with the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation for substance abuse counseling and monitoring. On or about July 12, 2010, Dr. Buchanan relapsed when he obtained and used Ethyl Chloride, an abuseable drug. On February 24, 2011, Dr. Buchanan was disciplined by the Kentucky Board of Medical Regulation. Restrictions were placed on his Kentucky medical license for an indefinite period of time including substance abuse and mental health counseling and monitoring. Dr. Buchanan is currently subject to counseling and monitoring by the Kentucky Board of Medical Regulation, the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation and the Iowa Physician Health Program. Under the terms of the August 18, 2011, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Buchanan a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine.

[Ernest L. Galbreath, D.O.](#), a 64-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices psychiatry in Moline, Illinois, entered into a Consent Settlement Agreement with the Board on August 18, 2011, to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On February 11, 2011, the Board charged Dr. Galbreath with engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public; engaging in unprofessional or unethical conduct; and with failing to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine in his treatment of numerous patients when he performed hundreds of trigger-point injections that were not medically necessary, and billed the Iowa Medicaid Program for those trigger point injections. The Board also charged Dr. Galbreath with suffering from a physical, neurological or mental condition which may impair his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Under the terms of the August 18, 2011, Consent Settlement Agreement, the Board warned Dr. Galbreath for performing hundreds of trigger-point injections that may not have been medically necessary and billing the Iowa Medicaid Program for the injections, permanently prohibited Dr. Galbreath from performing trigger point injections and indefinitely suspended his Iowa medical license.

**Michael L. Moeller, M.D.**, a 52-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced psychiatry in Spencer, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on August 18, 2011. The Board charged Dr. Moeller with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct when, in April of 2010, in Spencer, Iowa, while providing mental health counseling to a patient who suffered from anxiety, he made an unprofessional statement to the patient which was perceived as threatening. The Board also alleges that Dr. Moeller made inappropriate sexual advances to the mother of a child to whom he was providing mental health counseling in August of 2010, in Spencer, Iowa. Finally, the Iowa Board alleges that Dr. Moeller failed to disclose on his Iowa medical license renewal application, which he submitted to the Board on or about February 27, 2011, that he was the subject of an investigation by another state licensing Board. A hearing is scheduled on October 20, 2011.

**Jason A. Rexroth, M.D.**, a 39-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on August 18, 2011, to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On June 12, 2009, Dr. Rexroth was arrested in Santa Clara, California, following an altercation in a hotel bar. An arresting officer indicated that Dr. Rexroth appeared intoxicated and admitted consuming alcohol before the incident. On June 24, 2009, Dr. Rexroth was charged with one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a felony; one count of Battery Upon any Person Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a felony; and one count of Battery, a misdemeanor, in Santa Clara, California. On July 8, 2010, Dr. Rexroth pleaded no contest to one count of Battery Upon any Person Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a felony; and one count of Battery, a misdemeanor. The charge of Assault with a Deadly Weapon was dismissed. On July 8, 2010, the Board ordered Dr. Rexroth to complete a comprehensive physical, neuropsychological, mental health and substance abuse evaluation and Dr. Rexroth completed the evaluation on August 25-27, 2010. On March 11, 2011, Dr. Rexroth successfully completed the terms of the plea agreement and the charge of Battery Upon any Person Causing Serious Bodily Injury was reduced to a misdemeanor. On April 8, 2011, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Rexroth alleging that he pleaded no contest to Battery Upon any Person Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a felony, and Battery, a misdemeanor, in Santa Clara, California, that Dr. Rexroth engaged in alcohol abuse which may impair his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety and he engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. On April 20, 2011, the Board learned that the charge of Battery Upon any Person Causing Serious Bodily Injury was reduced to a misdemeanor after Dr. Rexroth successfully completed the terms of the plea agreement. Under the terms of the August 18, 2011, Settlement Agreement, the Board agreed to file an Amended Statement of Charges, dismissing Count I of the April 8, 2011, Statement of Charges. The Board also issued Dr. Rexroth a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine.

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