

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS:** Please click on the physician's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for each physician.

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following actions:

[Amjad Butt, M.D.](#), a 57 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced internal medicine and cardiology in Clinton, Iowa, had a formal disciplinary decision issued on August 25, 2011. On September 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Butt with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct and/or sexual harassment in the practice of medicine. The Board charged Dr. Butt with sexually harassing female co-workers and making inappropriate comments to female co-workers and patients. Following a hearing on July 7, 2011, the Board concluded that Dr. Butt engaged in a pattern of unprofessional conduct in Clinton, Iowa, in 2008, when he: made repeated unwanted telephone calls to a nurse; asked another physician to call the nurse to resolve their dispute; made offensive and threatening statements to another nurse; and made unprofessional comments to another employee. The Board was unable to conclude that Dr. Butt engaged in a pattern of sexual harassment in the practice of medicine. Under the terms of the August 25, 2011, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order, the Board placed Dr. Butt on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. The Board also issued Dr. Butt a public reprimand for his behavior and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine and complete a Board-approved professional boundaries program.

[Tyson K. Cobb, M.D.](#), a 49-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices orthopedic surgery in Davenport, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on August 25, 2011. The Board charged Dr. Cobb with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional and disruptive conduct in Davenport, Iowa between 2008 and the present including: unprofessional comments to staff and co-workers; inadequate patient evaluations; poor communication; improper surgical practices and improper record keeping. The Board charged Dr. Cobb with providing improper surgical care to a patient while performing wrist fusion surgery on February 8, 2010. The Board also charged Dr. Cobb with performing wrong-site surgery on a patient while performing an excision of a mass on a patient's right ring finger on March 28, 2011. A hearing is scheduled on October 20, 2011.

[Mark Evans, Ph.D.](#) a non-physician who is employed by Dermatology Associates in Omaha, Nebraska, was issued a Notice to Cease and Desist by the Board on September 2, 2011. The Board received information which indicates that Dr. Evans engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine in Iowa and/or improperly held himself out as a physician in Iowa in violation of Iowa law. The information reviewed by the Board indicates that Dr. Evans performed permanent eyebrow tattooing on a female patient on January 18, 2010, at Attitudes Salon, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The information further indicates that Dr. Evans performed "touch-up" cosmetic tattooing on the patient at Attitudes Salon on January 20, 2010. A review of records from the Iowa Environmental Health Division indicates that Dr. Evans held an Iowa tattooing license, but he failed to renew the license and the license expired on December 31, 2009. The Board also noted that the business card that Dr. Evans provided the Iowa patient, states that he is a "Certified Dermatologist". Finally, the Board noted that advertising material pertaining to Dr. Evans' permanent cosmetics practice could lead patients to believe that he is a trained dermatologist, when in fact he is not.

**James W. Sego, D.O.**, a 47 year-old physician who formerly practiced internal medicine in Benton, Tennessee, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board and received a permanent Iowa medical license on August 30, 2011. While practicing medicine in Benton, Tennessee, Dr. Sego: pre-signed prescription pads in 2008 to be used by unlicensed staff when he was unavailable; prescribed controlled substances to himself and his wife for personal use on two occasions in 2007 and 2008; and abused controlled substances in 2008. On April 18, 2008, Dr. Sego entered residential substance abuse treatment. On September 29, 2009, Dr. Sego entered into a contract with the Tennessee Medical Foundation Physician Health Program for substance abuse monitoring. On November 3, 2010, Dr. Sego entered into a Consent Order with the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination and he was placed on probation subject to Board monitoring for a period of four years, prohibited from practicing medicine in a solo practice setting and ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine. Dr. Sego has fully complied with substance abuse monitoring in Tennessee since September 29, 2009. Under the terms of the Iowa Consent Agreement, the Board referred Dr. Sego to the Iowa Physician Health Program for substance abuse monitoring, issued him a public reprimand, ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine and prohibited him from practicing medicine in a solo practice setting.

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