

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:

[William D. Heggen, M.D.](#), a 60-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices radiology in Clive, Iowa, had the terms of his order terminated on October 5, 2012. Dr. Heggen entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 1, 2012. The Board charged Dr. Heggen with engaging in unprofessional conduct when he inappropriately accessed the medical records of an individual who was not under his care. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Heggen a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 fine and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. Dr. Heggen paid the \$2,500 civil penalty and successfully completed the Board-approved professional ethics program.

[Alex M. Horchak, M.D.](#), a 52-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices urology in Dubuque, Iowa, entered into a Consent Agreement with Board on September 25, 2012. On August 17, 2004, the Arizona Medical Board issued Dr. Horchak a Letter of Reprimand for failing to timely repair a damaged ureter that contributed to the death of a patient. The Arizona Board concluded that Dr. Horchak deviated from the standard of care when he failed to pursue surgical intervention for a patient when attempts at percutaneous nephrostomy failed. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Horchak a permanent Iowa medical and issued him a public reprimand based on the action taken by the Arizona Board.

[James H. Price, Jr., M.D.](#), a 50-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices anesthesiology in Gillette, Wyoming, entered into a Consent Agreement with Board on September 25, 2012. On April 1, 2004, the Alaska State Medical Board disciplined Dr. Price for submitting a false report to a patient's employer. Dr. Price faxed a note to the patient's employer stating that Dr. Price had examined the patient and he was healthy to return to work, when in fact Dr. Price had not conducted an exam. The patient subsequently presented to work impaired. The Alaska Board issued Dr. Price a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine. \$2,000 of the fine was suspended as there were no further violations. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Price a permanent Iowa medical and issued him a public reprimand based on the action taken by the Alaska Board.

[Kimberly A. VerSteege, D.O.](#), a 40-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Waterloo, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on October 5, 2012. On February 9, 2012, the Board charged Dr. VerSteege with failing to provide appropriate treatment to ten patients in Waverly, Iowa, between August 2007 and May 2009. Many of the patients suffered serious surgical complications. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. VerSteege a public reprimand and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 fine. The Board also placed Dr. VerSteege on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: Consumers can submit complaints against physicians through the Board's Website at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, by calling (515) 281-5847, or by mail at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309-4686.