

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 this physician.

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

[Wendy R. Smoker, M.D.](#), a 64-year-old physician who practices diagnostic radiology in Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 14, 2013. On June 21, 2010, the Board charged Dr. Smoker with excessive use of alcohol and suffering from a physical, neurological or mental condition which may impair her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. A hearing was held on December 21, 2010. On January 24, 2011, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Smoker engaged in the excessive use of alcohol which may impair her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. The Board issued Dr. Smoker a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 fine. The Board placed Dr. Smoker on probation for a period of five years subject to substance abuse counseling and Board monitoring. Dr. Smoker was prohibited from consuming alcohol. On July 26, 2012, the Board filed new charges against Dr. Smoker alleging that she violated the terms of the January 24, 2011, Decision and Order when she consumed alcohol and failed to pay the \$5,000 civil penalty in a timely manner. Dr. Smoker finally paid the \$5,000 civil penalty on July 16, 2012, almost 16 months after the civil penalty was due. Under the terms of the February 14, 2013, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Smoker a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty for willfully or repeatedly violating a lawful order of the Board. The Board placed Dr. Smoker on probation for a period of five years subject to substance abuse counseling and 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.