

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 action:

[Winthrop S. Risk, M.D.](#), a 46-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices neurology in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had an Amended Order issued by the Board on May 28, 2013. On August 6, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Risk with violating the standards of practice for appropriate pain management when he prescribed excessive controlled substances to numerous patients, including patients with known drug abuse histories who exhibited drug seeking behavior, in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. On April 9, 2010, Dr. Risk entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Risk was prohibited from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances to patients unless he demonstrates that he is able to do so in a safe manner and he receives prior written approval from the Board. The Board also issued Dr. Risk a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine. Dr. Risk was also required to complete a Board-approved comprehensive clinical competency evaluation. Dr. Risk was also placed on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. Under the terms of the May 28, 2013, Amended Order, Dr. Risk may prescribe Vimpat, Lyrica and Potiga for the treatment of seizure disorders only. He may not prescribe Vimpat, Lyrica or Potiga for the treatment of any other condition including, but not limited to, pain management.

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.

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