

Iowa  
State Board of Medical Examiners

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The Honorable Robert M. Carr, Chairman  
The Honorable Jean Lloyd-Jones, Chairman  
Senate and House Committees on State Government  
Iowa State Legislature  
State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Senator Carr and Representative Lloyd-Jones:

This report is submitted in compliance with Section 258A.4(2) of the Code of Iowa.

A. The Board of Medical Examiners filed its rules relating to the duties of the Board on November 29, 1978, and these rules became effective on March 29, 1979.

Administrative rules adopted in 1984 relating to the duties of the Board of Medical Examiners are as follows:

1. Health 470-135.101 and 102 (147) "Medical Examiners". Rules update the list of approved postgraduate training programs and set out educational requirements to make application to sit the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX). This change requires applicants for the FLEX to have been accepted into an approved postgraduate training program of at least one year in length or to have completed one year of training in an approved program. The effective date was March 7, 1984.
2. Health 470-135.204 (147 and 258A) "Medical Examiners". This rule provides that the required report of a final action taken by another licensing authority will be expunged from the records of the Board of Medical Examiners when a court of last resort overturns such disciplinary action. Effective date of this rule was May 2, 1984.
3. Health 470-136.3 (148C) "Physician's Assistants". This rule change allows some individuals who were otherwise qualified, to receive temporary approval as a Physician's Assistant. This change was necessary due to the specific wording of the old rule. The effective date of this rule was December 12, 1984.



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B. Disciplinary Caseload

(1) Cases carried forward	
January 1, 1984 .....	436
(2) Cases opened during 1984 .....	426
(3) Cases closed during 1984 .....	464

C. Total number of cases open as of  
January 1, 1985 ..... 398

D. Categories of complaints received during the year 1984.

Drug related .....	49
Alcohol related .....	6
Ethics & conduct .....	22
Competency .....	43
Fraud .....	5
Notification from the Insurance Commissioner .....	259
License discipline from other states .....	10
Violation of probation .....	2
Practicing without a license .....	13
Background investigations .....	7
Miscellaneous .....	10
Total complaints received .....	<u>426</u>

E. Categories of complaints closed during calendar year 1984.

	<u>Total Number Closed</u>	<u>No Action</u>	<u>Sanctions</u>	<u>Referred to Other Agencies</u>
Drug related	59	20	39	
Alcohol related	3	2	1	
Ethics and conduct	31	23	8	
Competency	36	31	4	1
Mental problems	1	0	1	
Notification from Ins. Com.	275	257	18	
License Discipline	10	1	9	
Violation of probation	4	1	3	
Practicing without license	23	10	10	5
Background investigations	3	3	0	
Miscellaneous	7	3	4	
Fraud	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
	454	353	97	<u>6</u> *

Note: There were 7 insurance files closed as duplicates.  
There were 5 files closed when the physician died.

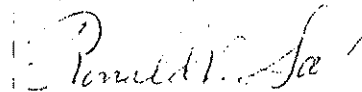
F. Peer Review Committee Disciplinary actions ..... 0

G. Judgements and settlements reviewed or investigated  
by the Board (Insurance notifications) ..... 275

\*2 referred files not closed

H.	Number of formal disciplinary proceedings commenced before the Board or Court .....	18
I.	Number and type of sanctions imposed by the Board:	
1.	Revocation .....	4
2.	Indefinite suspension of license .....	1
3.	Denial of license .....	1
4.	Voluntary surrender of license .....	6
5.	Five year probation .....	2
6.	Two year suspended practice .....	1
7.	Two year probation .....	1
8.	\$1000 fine and 2 year probation .....	1
9.	Surrender of DEA license .....	1
10.	\$1000 fine and restricted practice .....	1
11.	Letters of warning .....	<u>78</u>
	Total.....	97
J.	Number and status of appeals to District Court .....	2
K.	Number and type of Peer Review Committees registered with the Board .....	0
L.	Number of physicians who are in a probationary or restricted practice who function under the supervision of the Board as of December 31, 1984.....	22
M.	Number of physician's assistants who are in a probationary or restricted practice who function under the supervision of the Board as of December 31, 1984 .....	1
N.	Number of physicians who are under indefinite suspension as of December 31, 1984 .....	7

Respectfully submitted,



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