

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

On April 4, 2002, the Board adopted a policy that, due to limited resources and because it will not impact public safety, the Board will not pursue formal disciplinary action against an Iowa-licensed physician based on disciplinary action taken in another state, if the physician's Iowa medical license is inactive. The Board indicated that it would reconsider these matters to determine if charges are warranted if the physician attempts to activate his Iowa medical license. For the above reason the Board recently dismissed charges against the following out-of-state physicians:

Mohammad F. Abdel-Hameed, M.D., a 63 year-old physician from Orlando, Florida. Dr. Abdel-Hameed was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Florida Medical Board for failing to provide appropriate medical care and engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a staff member while examining her for a health related concern. Dr. Abdel-Hameed has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Surendra P. Agarwal, M.D., a 58 year-old physician from Effingham, Illinois. Dr. Agarwal was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Illinois Medical Board for failure to maintain a clean and safe clinical environment, performing unnecessary diagnostic tests and providing unnecessary medical treatment for financial gain without medical justification. Dr. Agarwal has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

James P. Balters, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Balters was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Nebraska Medical Board for substance abuse.

Ronald A. Distelhorst, M.D., a 58 year-old physician from Palatine, Illinois. Dr. Distelhorst was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Illinois Board for abandoning his medical practice and failing to appropriately respond to the Illinois Board investigation. Dr. Distelhorst has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Neil E. Hoyal, D.O., a 45 year-old physician from Nashwauk, Minnesota. Dr. Hoyal was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Minnesota Board for engaging in abusive behavior in the practice of medicine. Dr. Hoyal has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Wayne E. Imber, M.D., a 45 year-old physician formerly from Rochester, Minnesota, was charged by the Iowa Board with voluntarily surrendering his California medical license on August 21, 1997, following allegations that he engaged in repeated acts of excessive prescribing and administering of treatment and repeated acts of excessive use of diagnostic or treatment facilities from 1992 thru 1994. Dr. Imber has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Leslie J. Mintz, M.D., a 45 year-old physician from Ojai, California. Dr. Mintz was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of another state. Dr. Mintz' California medical license was revoked due to a mental or physical illness which impairs her ability to practice medicine safely. Dr. Mintz has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Paul H. Ribbentrop, D.O., a 79 year-old physician from Clinton Township, Michigan. Dr. Ribbentrop was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Michigan Board after he pleaded guilty to four felony counts of delivery/manufacture of controlled substances. Dr. Ribbentrop's Michigan medical license was suspended for three years and he ordered to pay a \$15,000 fine. Dr. Ribbentrop has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Juan Manuel Rios, M.D., a 54 year-old physician from Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Rios was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the Illinois Medical Board for failing to file state and federal tax returns in violation of the law. Dr. Rios has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Joseph J. Teichgraeber, M.D., a 54 year-old physician from Yucaipa, California. Dr. Teichgraeber was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the California Medical Board for gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, professional incompetence, excessive prescribing and prescribing without examination. Dr. Teichgraeber has not practiced in Iowa for some time.