

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

Thomas E. Bergstrom, M.D., a 56 year-old physician from Winterset, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license indefinitely suspended. On May 29, 2003, the Board filed charges against Dr. Bergstrom for violating a Board order when he tested positive for a controlled drug on two separate occasions, for habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of drugs and with the inability to practice medicine in a safe manner due to the excessive use of drugs or as the result of a mental or physical condition. On September 17, 2003, the Board held a hearing on the charges and concluded that Dr. Bergstrom is not safe to practice medicine and suspended his license indefinitely. The Board charged Dr. Bergstrom on two prior occasions for drug abuse. On September 19, 1985, and again on July 17, 2001, the Board placed Dr. Bergstrom's Iowa medical license on probation due to substance abuse.

Neil B. Sloan, M.D., a 54 year-old physician from Mason City, Iowa. The Board upheld its earlier decision to deny Dr. Sloan's application for a permanent Iowa medical license. On June 18, 2003, the Board denied Dr. Sloan's application for a license after concluding Dr. Sloan provided false information on the application and when questioned by the Board about the information he provided. The Board also received information indicating Dr. Sloan was denied a medical license by the California Medical Board. Dr. Sloan appealed the Board's initial denial and a hearing was held on September 19, 2003. The Board concluded that Dr. Sloan did provide false information and had been denied a medical license in California and voted to uphold its decision to deny his application for an Iowa medical license.