

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Tobin E. Jacks, M.D., a 48 year-old physician practicing in Knoxville, Iowa, had a Final Order of the Board issued following a formal disciplinary hearing. Dr. Jacks was issued a Citation and Warning for engaging in inappropriate prescribing practices and for diverting drugs for his own use and he was ordered to pay a \$2,000 civil penalty. On September 2, 2004, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Jacks' Iowa medical license. Dr. Jacks was charged with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to a co-worker without establishing an appropriate physician-patient relationship and with diverting controlled substances that he had prescribed to the co-worker for his own use. Dr. Jacks prescribed hydrocodone, a highly abusable drug, to a co-worker and the co-worker developed a serious drug abuse problem. Dr. Jacks failed to maintain appropriate medical records, failed to establish appropriate safeguards to prevent abuse, and failed to recognize the co-worker's drug seeking behavior. Dr. Jacks asked for some of the drugs back from the co-worker for his own use. The Board disciplined Dr. Jacks for substance abuse on two prior occasions in 1987 and 1995.