

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

**Scott B. Neff, D.O.**, a 60 year-old Orthopedic Surgeon from Des Moines, Iowa entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. Dr. Neff was charged with failing to evaluate a patient in a timely manner following her admission to the hospital, failing to appropriately manage the postoperative care of a knee replacement patient in 1999, and failing to perform a proper examination and assessment of a patient. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Neff was issued a reprimand, must pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and must complete 12 hours of Board-approved continuing medical education. Dr. Neff is also required to personally evaluate all patients admitted to the hospital under his care in a timely manner, perform appropriate and thorough histories and physical examinations and he must ensure that his medical records accurately reflect all examinations that he performs. He is also subject to certain monitoring requirements for a period of two years.

**Samir R. Wahby, M.D.**, a 58 year-old orthopedic surgeon from Fort Dodge, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license immediately suspended by the Board after the Board determined that Dr. Wahby's pattern of willful and ongoing non-compliance with the terms established by the Board to protect the public poses an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. On June 24, 2005, Dr. Wahby entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program for substance abuse and anger management monitoring. On March 2, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Wahby with violating the terms of the Physician Health Contract. On May 31, 2006, Dr. Wahby entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges and he was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions. On June 30, 2006, the Board issued an Emergency Order immediately suspending Dr. Wahby's Iowa medical license due to his willful and repeated violation of the terms and conditions established by the Board to protect the public. A hearing is scheduled on July 21, 2006.

**John F. Woods, D.O.**, a 60 year-old physician who formerly practiced in West Des Moines, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license indefinitely suspended. On September 23, 2004, Dr. Woods entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) to monitor him for mental health problems and he agreed to fully comply with numerous monitoring requirements. On October 12, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Woods with violating the terms of his IPHP contract. A disciplinary hearing was held before a panel of three members of the Board on March 14, 2006, and the panel, recommended that Dr. Woods' license be indefinitely suspended. The panel also established certain terms and conditions before the Board will consider reinstating his license and recommended that Dr. Woods be placed on probation for five years subject to Board monitoring if his license is reinstated. Dr. Woods appealed the panel's decision and a hearing was scheduled for August 17, 2006. On June 7, 2006, Dr. Woods dismissed his appeal. On June 8, 2006, the Board issued a Final Order adopting the panel's decision and indefinitely suspended Dr. Woods' Iowa medical license.