

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

Chester R. Badger, Jr., D.O., a 54 year-old physician formerly practicing in Independence, Missouri, entered into a Consent Order with the Iowa Board. In October 2003, the Missouri Medical Board disciplined Dr. Badger for substance abuse. The Missouri Board placed Dr. Badger on probation until October 2010. Under the terms of the Consent Order Dr. Badger entered into with the Iowa Board, he was issued an Iowa medical license and he was placed on probation for four years subject to substance abuse monitoring.

Dariush Ghaffari, M.D., a 46 year-old physician from Boystown, Nebraska, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. On October 2, 2005, the Nebraska Board revoked Dr. Ghaffari's Nebraska medical license based on allegations that he failed to maintain appropriate records for large quantities of controlled substances that he prescribed or administered. Dr. Ghaffari appealed the revocation and his license was reinstated and he was placed on five years probation. Dr. Ghaffari was required to complete a prescribing course and a record keeping course. Under the terms of the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Ghaffari for being disciplined by Nebraska and with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine. Dr. Ghaffari received a public reprimand, he was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and he was placed on probation for five years.

Michael Longstreet, M.D., a 62 year-old physician who formerly practiced orthopedic surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. On June 9, 2003, Dr. Longstreet reported possible mental health problems to the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP). On June 11, 2003, Dr. Longstreet entered into a Physician Health Contract with the IPHP and he agreed to fully comply with numerous monitoring requirements. Dr. Longstreet discontinued compliance the terms of the Physician Health Contract. On October 12, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Longstreet with violating the terms of the contract that he entered into with the IPHP. Under the terms of the Consent Order that Dr. Longstreet entered into with the Board, he agreed to complete a Board-approved comprehensive physical and neuropsychological evaluation prior to reactivating his Iowa medical license and he will be placed on indefinite probation if he reactivates his Iowa medical license in the future.

Steven J. Meyer, M.D., a 48 year-old orthopedic surgeon who practices surgery in northwestern Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. Dr. Meyer was charged with inappropriately leaving a surgical patient in the operating room under anesthesia to assist in another surgery at a different location. Dr. Meyer received a public reprimand and he was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Rohini Reganti, M.D., a 59 year-old physician practicing oncology in West Burlington, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On July 28, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Reganti for providing inappropriate treatment to numerous cancer patients. The Board alleged that Dr. Reganti performed excessively aggressive cancer treatments; chose inappropriate cancer treatments; prescribed dangerously high doses of radiation therapy for prolonged periods; continued cancer treatment long after it was indicated; and treated cancer patients that were in such poor health that treatment was not appropriate. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Reganti must complete a Board-approved competency evaluation and fully comply with any recommendations made by the evaluation program. She was also issued a public reprimand, ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine and she was placed on probation for five years to monitor her professional competency.

Michael M. Rosenblatt, M.D., a 63 year-old physician from Burlington, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. Recently, the Board received information which alleges that Dr. Rosenblatt engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Dr. Rosenblatt surrendered his license to resolve this matter.

Frederick W. Strickland, D.O., a 62 year-old physician from Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On October 12, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Strickland with failing to comply with an order of the Board requiring him to submit to evaluation. A hearing is scheduled on December 13, 2006.