

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

David M. Spector, M.D., a 43 year-old medical oncologist from Davenport, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On September 21, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Spector with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct and/or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. On August 5, 2005, Dr. Spector was arrested and charged with physically assaulting his wife. He pleaded guilty to simple assault not involving domestic violence. On November 14, 2006, Dr. Spector was again arrested and charged with physically assaulting his wife. On November 17, 2006, Dr. Spector agreed to stop practicing medicine until he receives written approval from the Board. On November 27-28, Dr. Spector underwent a Board-approved physical, neuropsychological and substance abuse evaluation. The evaluation program concluded that Dr. Spector's ongoing assaultive behavior requires professional intervention and recommended that he not practice medicine until he successfully completes residential treatment. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Spector is prohibited from practicing medicine until he successfully completes residential treatment and he receives written approval from the Board. He was also issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine. If Dr. Spector is allowed to return to the practice of medicine, he will be placed on indefinite probation subject to extensive Board monitoring.