

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Lee O. Fagre, M.D., a 52 year-old family physician from Waverly, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On June 28, 2004, Dr. Fagre entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) and agreed to fully comply with all recommendations of the IPHP, including appropriate counseling and monitoring for substance abuse. On September 12, 2007, the IPHP concluded that Dr. Fagre violated the terms of his IPHP contract and referred him to the Board. On December 12, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Fagre with violating his IPHP contract. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Fagre was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions, including counseling and monitoring for substance abuse. He was also issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine for violating the terms of his IPHP contract.

Ayman A. Ghoniem, M.D., a 47 year-old Iowa-licensed radiologist from Terre Haute, Indiana, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On February 8, 2006, the Board received information which indicated that Dr. Ghoniem paid a \$1,000 fine for failing to complete the required continuing medical education (CME) for Florida licensure. On three separate occasions, August 18, 2006, September 20, 2006, and December 13, 2006, the Iowa Board requested that Dr. Ghoniem submit proof of completion of 40 credit-hours of CME required for his Iowa medical license. Dr. Ghoniem was unable to provide proof of completion of the required CME. On November 8, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Ghoniem with failing to provide proof that he completed the required CME for Iowa licensure. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Ghoniem was issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine for failing to complete the required CME for Iowa licensure. He was also ordered to complete 80 hours of CME by August 1, 2008.

Glenn C. Krug, D.O., a 58 year-old physician practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Davenport, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On June 2, 2005, Dr. Krug was disciplined by the Board for failing to submit to a physical, neuropsychological and substance abuse evaluation as ordered by the Board. Dr. Krug was prohibited from maintaining controlled substances in his medical office, ordered to complete a medical record keeping course and ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine. He was also prohibited from consuming alcohol and drugs and he was required to fully comply with the Board's drug screening program. On November 8, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Krug with violating his June 2, 2005, Board Order when he failed to fully comply with the Board's drug screening program and counseling requirements. Dr. Krug was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions, including substance abuse monitoring and counseling. He was also issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty for violating his Board Order. On February 11, 2008, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Krug alleging that he failed to provide appropriate care and treatment to patients. A hearing is scheduled on March 26, 2008.

Leonard D. Lomax, M.D., a 38 year-old orthopedic surgeon practicing in West Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On February 11, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Lomax with: providing false, inaccurate or incomplete information on his application for an Iowa medical license; engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct; substance abuse; disruptive behavior; sexual misconduct; and professional incompetency. On October 18, 2002, Dr. Lomax was arrested in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for disorderly conduct and being drunk on the highway. Upon his release from jail, Dr. Lomax made two bomb threat telephone calls to the police department and he was arrested and charged with two counts each of: terroristic threats, bomb threats, false alarms and false reports. On November 28, 2003, Dr. Lomax was arrested in Johnston, Iowa, for interference with official acts following a domestic dispute. On March 27, 2004, Dr. Lomax was arrested in Urbandale, Iowa, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OWI). On September 25, 2004, Dr. Lomax was arrested in Johnston, Iowa, for aggravated assault following a physical altercation with a female guest at a party at his home. Dr. Lomax failed to properly report these incidents to the Board on multiple license applications. The Board also received information which alleges that Dr. Lomax made unwanted sexual advances toward a patient who was also a co-worker and that he allegedly harassed the patient/co-worker following the unwanted sexual advances. The Board also alleges that Dr. Lomax engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior in his medical practice and he failed to provide appropriate care and treatment to patients. A hearing is scheduled on April 2, 2008.

Ralph F. Reeder, Jr., M.D., a 53 year-old neurosurgeon who practices in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board. On February 11, 2008, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Reeder with demonstrating a pattern of professional incompetency in his medical practice, including improper clinical judgment, performing surgery on patients without appropriate indications for the prescribed surgery, and failing to provide appropriate postoperative follow-up to patients. A hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2008.

Howard J. Willis, D.O., a 52 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Cheyenne, Wyoming, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. In May 2004, Dr. Willis completed a comprehensive competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP), in Aurora, Colorado. CPEP concluded that Dr. Willis demonstrated deficiencies in medical knowledge, clinical judgement, documentation and communication. CPEP recommended that Dr. Willis complete a practice monitoring and education program. Dr. Willis failed to complete the recommended monitoring and education program. On February 1, 2007, the Iowa Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Willis based on the results of the CPEP competency evaluation and the fact that Dr. Willis has not completed the recommended monitoring and education program. Under the terms of the February 11, 2008, Settlement Agreement, Dr. Willis agrees to complete a new comprehensive competency evaluation at CPEP no later than June 1, 2008. Dr. Willis also agrees to fully comply with all recommendations made by CPEP and the Board following the evaluation, including any program of remediation.