

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

[Ashar Afzal, M.D.](#), a 40 year-old physician who practices pain medicine in Waterloo, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges dismissed by the Board. On October 23, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Afzal with touching two female patients in a sexual manner while providing medical care in 2006. A hearing was held before the Board on May 6, 2009. After careful consideration of the testimony of all of the witnesses and review of the evidence, the Board was unable to conclude, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Afzal had sexual contact with, or made sexual advances toward, either patient. On June 18, 2009, the Board issued an order dismissing all charges against Dr. Afzal.