

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

Ronnie B. Martin, D.O., a 60 year-old physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license reinstated by the Board. On February 3, 2006, the Board ordered Dr. Martin to complete a confidential comprehensive clinical competency evaluation. Dr. Martin filed an objection, a hearing was held on July 13, 2006, and the Board ordered Dr. Martin to complete the evaluation within 60 days. On September 14, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Martin for failing to complete the evaluation in a timely manner. A hearing was held before a panel of the Board, the panel concluded that Dr. Martin violated Iowa law when he failed to complete the evaluation in a timely manner and recommended the suspension of Dr. Martin's Iowa medical license until he has demonstrated that he has completed the evaluation. The panel also recommended that Dr. Martin receive a public reprimand and pay a \$5,000 fine. Dr. Martin appealed the panel decision and a hearing was held before the full Board. On August 28, 2008, the full Board affirmed the panel decision and suspended Dr. Martin's Iowa medical license until he has provided documentation demonstrating that he has completed the evaluation. The Board also issued Dr. Martin a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine. On January 22, 2010, Dr. Martin provided the Board documentation demonstrating that he completed the evaluation on January 11-12, 2010. On February 16, 2010, the Board reinstated Dr. Martin's Iowa medical license.

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