

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(March 8, 2012)

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the physician's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for each physician.

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following actions:

Frank Butera, D.O., a 44-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices orthopedic surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him on March 1, 2012. The Board charged Dr. Butera with engaging in sexual misconduct, unethical or unprofessional conduct and professional incompetency. The Board alleged that Dr. Butera performed inappropriate physical examinations on four female patients between September 2008 and March 2010. A hearing is scheduled on May 9, 2012.

William D. Heggen, M.D., a 59-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices radiology in Clive, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 1, 2012. The Board charged Dr. Heggen with engaging in unprofessional conduct when he inappropriately accessed the medical records of an individual who was not under his care in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Heggen a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 fine and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program.

Stuart K. Lehr, M.D., a 61-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices radiology in Clive, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 1, 2012. The Board charged Dr. Lehr with engaging in unprofessional conduct when he inappropriately accessed the medical records of an individual who was not under his care in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Lehr a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 fine and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program.

Kent J. Van Why, M.D., a 50-year-old physician who practices clinical cardiac electrophysiology in Davenport, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him on March 1, 2012. The Board charged Dr. Van Why with violating a physician health contract that he entered into with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP). Dr. Van Why entered into a physician health contract with the IPHP on May 8, 2009, for mental health and substance abuse, monitoring. The Board alleged that Dr. Van Why violated the terms of the physician health contract when he failed to stop practicing medicine when requested to do so by the IPHP in August 2009 and when he recently consumed alcohol. A hearing is scheduled on May 10, 2012.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: Consumers can submit complaints against physicians through the Board's Website at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, by calling (515) 281-5847, or by mail at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309-4686.