

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(May 29, 2013)

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

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

[Ted A. Bonebrake, M.D.](#), a 47-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Creston, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license reinstated by the Board on May 23, 2013. On November 5, 2001, Dr. Bonebrake reported to the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for alcohol abuse. On September 19, 2003, the Board charged Dr. Bonebrake with violating the terms of his IPHP Health Contract. On October 22, 2003, Dr. Bonebrake entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. He was required to complete residential substance abuse treatment and he was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. On September 2, 2004, the Board charged Dr. Bonebrake with violating the terms of his probation. On February 10, 2005, Dr. Bonebrake entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. He was required to complete substance abuse treatment and was placed on indefinite probation subject to Board monitoring. On December 22, 2005, Dr. Bonebrake was involved in a serious automobile accident after consuming alcohol. On January 25, 2006, the Board suspended Dr. Bonebrake's Iowa medical license.

Recently, Dr. Bonebrake petitioned the Board for reinstatement of his Iowa medical license. Dr. Bonebrake demonstrated that he has: abstained from the use of drugs and alcohol since May 5, 2010; attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings since January 1, 2011; participated in individual and group therapy with a Board-approved therapist since July 21, 2011; participated in individual counseling with a Board-approved addictionologist since August 4, 2011; completed a comprehensive physical, neuropsychological, mental health and substance abuse evaluation at a Board-approved substance abuse assessment program on May 18, 2011; fully complied with the Board's drug screening program since July 15, 2011; completed a comprehensive clinical competency evaluation on September 13, 2011; and completed a comprehensive family practice review course on February 12, 2012. Under the terms of the May 23, 2013, Reinstatement Order, the Board reinstated Dr. Bonebrake's Iowa medical license and placed him on indefinite probation subject to Board monitoring. Dr. Bonebrake is only permitted to practice medicine in a Board-approved ACGME accredited residency re-training program until and unless he receives prior written approval from the Board. Prior to returning to private practice, Dr. Bonebrake must complete a comprehensive clinical competency re-evaluation and demonstrate to the Board that he is competent to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Upon return to private practice, Dr. Bonebrake may only practice medicine in a Board-approved group practice setting and must fully comply with the terms and conditions of a practice monitoring plan established by the Board, if necessary.

Robert F. Tobin, M.D., a 71-year-old Iowa- licensed physician who formerly practiced ophthalmology in Iowa and currently practices ophthalmology in St. Joseph, Missouri, had his Iowa medical license reinstated by the Board on May 23, 2013. On December 16, 2004, the Board charged Dr. Tobin with engaging in professional incompetency and practice harmful or detrimental to the public. On November 15, 2005, Dr. Tobin entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board issued Dr. Tobin a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. Dr. Tobin also agreed to comply with certain terms and conditions in his ophthalmology practice. On November 8, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Tobin with violating the terms of his Board order. On May 6, 2010, Dr. Tobin entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Tobin completed a Board-approved comprehensive clinical competency evaluation and neuropsychological evaluation. The Board issued Dr. Tobin a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 Civil Penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Tobin to complete a Board-approved professional ethics program and record keeping program. The Board placed Dr. Tobin on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. On September 23, 2011, the Board charged Dr. Tobin with violating the terms his Board order. A hearing was held before the Board and on March 29, 2012, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Tobin repeatedly violated the terms of his Board order. The Board issued Dr. Tobin a Citation and Warning and suspended his Iowa medical license for a minimum of six months. The Board ordered him to a pay a \$10,000 Civil Penalty and continue to fully comply with his educational intervention plan during the period of suspension.

Recently, Dr. Tobin petitioned the Board for reinstatement of his Iowa medical license. Dr. Tobin indicated that he no longer practices medicine in Iowa and that he allowed his Iowa medical license to go inactive on April 1, 2012. Dr. Tobin demonstrated that he has paid the \$10,000 Civil Penalty and that he has continued to comply with his educational intervention plan during the period of suspension. Under the terms of the May 23, 2013, Reinstatement Order, the Board placed Dr. Tobin on probation for a period of five years. Should Dr. Tobin choose to reinstate his inactive Iowa medical license, he must fully comply with the terms and conditions of probation, including a Board-approved practice monitoring plan. A physician whose license is inactive continues to hold the privileges of licensure in Iowa but may not practice medicine under the Iowa license until the license is reinstated to active status.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

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