

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the physician's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for this physician.

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

Nathan Singer, M.D., a 59-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices anesthesia and internal medicine in Santa Maria, California, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board on September 26, 2013. Dr. Singer's Iowa medical license went inactive due to nonrenewal on September 1, 2002. On July 28, 2011, Dr. Singer entered into a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order with the Medical Board of California (California Board). The California Board alleged that Dr. Singer prescribed excessive opioids, including refills, to two patients between 2003 and 2008 without performing and/or documenting appropriate physical examinations, without properly monitoring the patients and without maintaining adequate medical records. The California Board placed Dr. Singer on probation for a period of two years and eleven months. Dr. Singer was ordered to complete additional continuing medical education for appropriate prescribing and medical record keeping. Dr. Singer was prohibited from supervising physician assistants during the period of probation. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Singer with being disciplined by the California Board in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. A hearing is scheduled on December 19, 2013.

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.

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.