

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 these physicians.

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

Israel V. Fernando, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices dermatology in Clinton and Davenport, Iowa and in locations in western Illinois, completed the period of his probation on July 8, 2014. On August 25, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Fernando with professional incompetency and on September 14, 2006, Dr. Fernando entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board ordered Dr. Fernando to complete a Board-approved comprehensive competency evaluation and placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring. He was also prohibited from interpreting skin pathology slides and was required to practice only in locations within a sixty air mile radius of each other. He also received a Citation and Warning and was ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. On June 19, 2007, the Board suspended Dr. Fernando's Iowa medical license after concluding that his continued practice of dermatology constituted an immediate danger to the public. A hearing was held on July 17, 2007, and the Board suspended Dr. Fernando's license and required him to complete a Board-approved remediation program and re-evaluation. Dr. Fernando successfully completed the remediation program and re-evaluation and on July 8, 2009, the Board reinstated his license and placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years. The Board also established the following practice restrictions: 1) Dr. Fernando shall only practice dermatology in three or fewer locations in Iowa within a sixty air mile radius of each other; and 2) he shall not interpret skin pathology slides under his Iowa medical license. On July 8, 2014, Dr. Fernando successfully completed the period of probation. However, he is required to fully comply with the practice restrictions described above.

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.