

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

**Jacinta I. Gillis, M.D.**, a 46-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced medicine in multiple locations in Florida had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Board on August 28, 2015. On October 25, 2013, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Gillis with being disciplined by the Florida Department of Health (Florida Board) for prescribing controlled substances for other than a lawful purpose. Dr. Gillis' Iowa medical license has been inactive since July 1, 2009, and the Board was unable to locate Dr. Gillis to serve the charges and hold a hearing. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Gillis relinquished her Iowa medical license because she failed to renew or reinstate her Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Gillis no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

**Todd W. Gray, M.D.**, a 42-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices internal medicine in Washington, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement on August 28, 2015. The Board charged Dr. Gray with prescribing hydrocodone, a controlled substance, to his elderly mother between January 2012 and April 2014 in violation of the rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Dr. Gray denied knowledge of the rule which prohibits physicians from prescribing controlled substances to members of their immediate family except for an acute condition or on an emergency basis when the physician conducts an examination, establishes a medical record, and maintains proper documentation. The Board issued Dr. Gray a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.

**Tobin E. Jacks, M.D.**, a 58 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced general medicine in Knoxville, Iowa, and currently practices in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, had the terms of his probation amended by the Board on August 28, 2015. On April 28, 2008, the Board placed Dr. Jacks on indefinite probation subject to certain terms and conditions including substance abuse treatment and monitoring. On August 28, 2015, the Board concluded that Dr. Jacks has fully complied with the terms of his probation and the Board issued an Amended Order and Dr. Jacks is no longer required to participate in substance abuse treatment and monitoring.

**Aaron E. Johnson, M.D.**, a 44-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Blue Earth, Minnesota, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On November 8, 2014, Dr. Johnson entered into a Stipulation and Order with the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice (Minnesota Board). The Minnesota Board received a complaint which alleged that Dr. Johnson failed to properly care for a female patient during labor and delivery. The complaint alleged that Dr. Johnson failed to properly induce labor and failed to obtain an appropriate consultation for intervention in the case. Dr. Johnson received a Reprimand and agreed to complete additional education for medical records management; management of labor and delivery in high-risk pregnancy; interpretation of fetal heart rate tracings and ultrasound, and submit a paper describing what he learned from the education. Dr. Johnson also agreed to meet on a monthly basis with a Minnesota Board-approved supervising obstetrician to review his patient care during pregnancy, management of labor and delivery and interpretation of fetal heart tracings. Under the terms of the August 28, 2015, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Johnson a Citation and Warning and he agreed to fully comply with the terms and conditions established by the Minnesota Board.

**Pierre Kamguia, M.D.**, a 57-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced ophthalmologic surgery in Martinsville, Virginia, had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On October 25, 2013, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Kamguia with being disciplined by the Virginia Board of Medicine for failing to provide appropriate care to multiple patients. Dr. Kamguia's Iowa medical license has been inactive since January 1, 2004, and the Board was unable to locate Dr. Kamguia to serve the charges and hold a hearing. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Kamguia relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed to renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Kamguia no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

**Thomas J. Lanspa, M.D.**, a 56-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On August 30, 1991, the Nebraska Division of Public Health (Nebraska Board) disciplined Dr. Lanspa for substance abuse. The Nebraska Board alleged that Dr. Lanspa wrote controlled substance prescriptions to himself to sustain an addiction. The Nebraska Board placed Dr. Lanspa on probation for a period of two years, ordered him to undergo a substance abuse evaluation, abstain from using controlled substances or prescribing medication for himself, and undergo random drug testing. On November 19, 2014, the Nebraska Board disciplined Dr. Lanspa for substance abuse. The Nebraska Board alleged that Dr. Lanspa diverted numerous controlled substances from patients for his own use between 2012 and April 2014. Dr. Lanspa underwent inpatient substance abuse treatment and was diagnosed with a substance abuse disorder. The Nebraska Board placed Dr. Lanspa on probation for a period of five years, prohibited him from prescribing, administering, dispensing or possessing any controlled substances at any time, and ordered him to abstain from the use of alcohol or controlled substances and undergo substance abuse treatment and random drug testing. Under the terms of the August 28, 2015, Statement of Charges, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Lanspa for being disciplined by the Nebraska Board in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. A hearing is scheduled on December 4, 2015.

**Ali S. Makki, M.D.**, a 56-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced medicine in Dearborn, Michigan, had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Board on August 28, 2015. On June 6, 2014, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Makki with being disciplined by the Michigan Medical Board for being convicted of falsifying immigration and federal income tax documents. Dr. Makki's Iowa medical license has been inactive since July 1, 1999, and the Board was unable to locate Dr. Makki to serve the charges and hold a hearing. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Makki relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed to renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Makki no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

**Christie M. Mensch, M.D.**, a 41-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Sioux City, Iowa, and currently practices psychiatry in Kansas City, Kansas, had the conditions placed on her Iowa medical license terminated by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On November 19, 2007, Dr. Mensch entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board, she was granted an Iowa medical license and she was required to submit to the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for substance abuse treatment and monitoring. On October 23, 2008, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Mensch with failing to comply with the IPHP's drug screening program and she was placed on probation for a period of two years subject to substance abuse treatment and monitoring. On September 9, 2009, Dr. Mensch tested positive for methamphetamine. On July 8, 2010, the Board charged Dr. Mensch with using drugs in violation of the terms of her probation. On April 1, 2010, Dr. Mensch entered into a Consent Order with the Kansas Board of Healing Arts (Kansas Board) and she was ordered to submit to

the Kansas Medical Society – Medical Advocacy Program (KMS-MAP) for substance abuse evaluation, treatment, monitoring and support for a period of five (5) years. On October 22, 2010, Dr. Mensch entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Mensch was prohibited from practicing medicine in Iowa until she receives written approval from the Board. Prior to returning to the practice of medicine in Iowa, Dr. Mensch was required to complete a Board-approved substance abuse evaluation and demonstrate that she is safe to practice medicine. Recently, Dr. Mensch submitted a request for termination of the October 22, 2010, Settlement Agreement. Dr. Mensch demonstrated that she has fully complied with the October 22, 2010, Iowa Settlement Agreement and the April 1, 2010, Kansas Consent Order, including substance abuse evaluation, treatment and monitoring by the KMS-MAP for a period of five (5) years. She also demonstrated that she is safe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Dr. Mensch indicated that she does not intend to return to the practice of medicine in Iowa. On August 28, 2015, the Board voted to terminate the terms of the October 22, 2010, Settlement Agreement. Dr. Mensch must submit to the IPHP for a substance abuse assessment and fully comply with all requirements established by the IPHP prior to returning to the practice of medicine in Iowa.

**Dennis G. Miller, D.O.**, a 63-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Wellman, Iowa, had the conditions placed on his Iowa medical license terminated by the Board on August 28, 2015. On December 12, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Miller with substance abuse, improper prescribing, sexual misconduct, violating appropriate physician-patient boundaries and failure to appropriately respond to a young female who suffered a drug overdose. On July 10, 2008, Dr. Miller entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board and his Iowa medical license was indefinitely suspended. On April 16, 2009, the Board reinstated Dr. Miller's Iowa medical license and placed him on indefinite probation subject to a Board-approved practice plan and Board monitoring. On August 28, 2015, the Board concluded that Dr. Miller has fully complied with the terms of the April 16, 2009, Reinstatement Order and terminated the terms of the Reinstatement Order.

**Clifford M. Perez, M.D.**, a 49-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices emergency medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On October 25, 2013, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Perez with being disciplined by the Medical Board of California due to concerns about his laparoscopic surgery skills. Dr. Perez' Iowa medical license has been inactive since February 1, 2006, and the Board was unable to locate Dr. Perez to serve the charges and hold a hearing. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Perez relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed to renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Perez no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

**Luong N. Pham, M.D.**, a 72-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced medicine in Irvine, California, had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On August 30, 2013, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Pham with being disciplined by the Medical Board of California due to concerns about his medical care and record keeping. Dr. Pham's Iowa medical license has been inactive since on November 1, 2000, and the Board was unable to locate Dr. Pham to serve the charges and hold a hearing. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Pham relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed to renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Pham no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

**Floyd D. Simpson, D.O.**, a 71-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced psychiatry in Springfield, Missouri, had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On April 17, 2014, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Simpson with being disciplined by the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts (Missouri Board) for

abusing controlled substance. Dr. Simpson's Iowa medical license has been inactive since August 1, 2000, and the Board was unable to locate Dr. Perez to serve the charges and hold a hearing. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Simpson relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed to renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Simpson no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

[Sridhar Yaratha, M.D.](#), a 45-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced psychiatry in Davenport, Iowa, and currently practices in Glen Allen, Virginia, had his medical license reinstated by the Iowa Board on August 28, 2015. On November 20, 2002, Dr. Yaratha was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). On April 22, 2003, Dr. Yaratha entered into an Initial Agreement with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) and agreed to fully comply with the requirements established by the IPHP. On October 31, 2003, the IPHP referred Dr. Yaratha to the Board after he failed to comply with the terms established by the IPHP. On December 10, 2003, the Board ordered Dr. Yaratha to complete a substance abuse evaluation and he failed to complete the evaluation. On August 19, 2004, Dr. Yaratha was disciplined by the West Virginia Board of Medicine (West Virginia Board) for engaging in a sexual and/or romantic relationship with a former psychiatric patient. Dr. Yaratha voluntarily surrendered his West Virginia medical license to resolve the matter.

On October 7, 2004, Dr. Yaratha entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Yaratha with violating the terms established by the IPHP, failing to comply with the Evaluation Order issued by the Iowa Board and being disciplined by the West Virginia Board for engaging in a sexual and/or romantic relationship with a former psychiatric patient. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Yaratha a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty. The Iowa Board also suspended his Iowa medical license and ordered him to complete a substance abuse evaluation, a sexual misconduct evaluation and demonstrate that he is safe to practice medicine. Recently, Dr. Yaratha submitted an Application for Reinstatement of his Iowa medical license. Dr. Yaratha demonstrated that he completed a substance abuse evaluation in November 2005 and extensive alcohol treatment and that he has been sober for nearly ten years. Dr. Yaratha also demonstrated that he completed a sexual misconduct evaluation in August 2005 and a three-day professional boundaries program in April 2006. Dr. Yaratha also demonstrated that he has successfully practiced psychiatry under the supervision of the Virginia Board of Medicine for the past nine years and currently has an unrestricted Virginia medical license. Finally, Dr. Yaratha demonstrated that he is safe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Under the terms of the August 28, 2015, Reinstatement Order issued by the Iowa Board, Dr. Yaratha agreed to pay the \$10,000 Civil Penalty and the Board reinstated his Iowa medical license.

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