

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**(December 18, 2015)**

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

[Gary L. Goldman, M.D.](#), a 49-year-old physician who previously applied for an Iowa resident physician license had a Notice of Satisfaction of Stipulated Licensure Order issued by the Board on December 11, 2015. On September 3, 2003, the Board issued a Notice of Denial of License after the Board determined that Dr. Goldman failed to disclose his previous residency training on his application for an Iowa resident physician license. On February 26, 2004, the Board issued a Stipulated Licensure Order withdrawing the Notice of Denial of License and Dr. Goldman agreed to complete certain terms and conditions, including additional post-graduate training at a program accredited by the Board, prior to seeking Iowa medical licensure in the future. Recently, Dr. Goldman demonstrated that he successfully completed a preliminary surgery internship at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York, from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005; an internal medicine residency training program at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York, from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009; the internal medicine board certification exam for the American Board of Internal Medicine in 2009; residency training in medical oncology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011; and a Board-approved professional ethics program. On December 11, 2015, the Board issues this Notice of Satisfaction of Stipulated Licensure Order recognizing that Dr. Goldman has successfully completed additional post-graduate training at a program accredited by the Board and he may seek Iowa medical licensure in the future.

[Ric E. Jensen, M.D.](#), a 56-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices neurosurgery in Omaha, Nebraska, had the terms of his probation terminated by the Board on December 11, 2015. Dr. Jensen entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on January 13, 2012. The Board charged Dr. Jensen with violating appropriate professional boundaries when he engaged in an inappropriate relationship with, and provided financial assistance to, a female patient, during a period when she was under Dr. Jensen's care in 2009, in Omaha, Nebraska. The Board issued Dr. Jensen a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$7,500 fine. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring and professional boundaries counseling. On December 11, 2015, the Board terminated the terms of probation and returned his Iowa medical license to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

[James G. Kannenberg, M.D.](#), a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Fairfield, Iowa, had the terms of his probation terminated by the Board on December 16, 2015. On July 8, 2010, Dr. Kannenberg entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Kannenberg with failing to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine in Iowa and engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct. Dr. Kannenberg agreed not to practice medicine until he received written approval from the Board. The Board also issued him a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty and complete Board-approved counseling and a professional ethics program. On December 16, 2010, the Board reinstated Dr. Kannenberg's Iowa medical license and placed him on probation for a period of

five (5) years subject to Board monitoring, including counseling and a physician mentoring plan. On December 16, 2015, Dr. Kannenberg completed the term of his probation and the Board terminated the terms of probation and returned his Iowa medical license to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

**Alan R. Koslow, M.D.**, a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced vascular surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on December 11, 2015. On October 16, 2015, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Koslow alleging that he failed to provide appropriate surgical care to multiple patients in Des Moines, Iowa. The Board alleged that Dr. Koslow engaged in professional incompetency including poor clinical judgment and reasoning; incomplete evaluations; poor candidate selection; inadequate treatment planning; inconsistent recognition of complications; inadequate documentation and poor communication. The Board also alleged that Dr. Koslow engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior in the practice of medicine that interferes with, or has the potential to interfere with, patient care or the effective functioning of health care staff. Under the terms of the December 10, 2015, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Koslow a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring, including a Board-approved individualized educational intervention and practice monitoring plan. Dr. Koslow also agreed to complete a Board-approved training program for disruptive behavior.

**Steven R. Morris, D.O.**, a 34-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on December 11, 2015. On March 6, 2014, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Morris alleging that he diverted controlled substances from patients for his own use on multiple occasions in 2013. On January 9, 2015, Dr. Morris was convicted of obtaining or attempting to obtain a prescription drug (hydrocodone) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge (Iowa Code §155A.23, 155A.24, and 124.401(1)(c)(8), a Class C Felony, in the Iowa District Court for Polk County, following submission of a written plea of guilty. Dr. Morris has not practiced medicine since the charges were filed by the Board and has agreed not to practice until he receives approval from the Board. Dr. Morris has successfully completed substance abuse treatment, counseling and urine drug screening. Under the terms of the December 10, 2015, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Morris a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. The Board also placed Dr. Morris on indefinite probation subject to Board monitoring including substance abuse counseling and urine drug screening.

**Sandesh R. Patil, M.D.**, a 53-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced internal medicine, specializing in cardiovascular disease, in London, Kentucky, had formal disciplinary charges dismissed by the Board on December 11, 2015. On June 4, 2013, Dr. Patil pleaded guilty to health care fraud in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky. Dr. Patil falsely recorded the severity of patients' illnesses in order to receive payment for numerous heart procedures in 2009 and 2010. Dr. Patil was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison and was excluded from the Medicare, Medicaid and all other federal health care programs for a minimum of five years. On June 20, 2013, Dr. Patil was disciplined by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (Kentucky Board) for failing to perform appropriate histories, physical examinations and cardiovascular testing, failing to maintain appropriate medical records, and performing unnecessary cardiovascular testing, stenting and angioplasty procedures. Dr. Patil forfeited his Kentucky medical license. On May 15, 2015, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Patil with being convicted of a felony related to the practice of medicine and being disciplined by the

Kentucky Board in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Effective July 1, 2015, Dr. Patil relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Patil no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

**Firas A. Rabi, M.D.**, a 41-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced pediatric medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license reinstated by the Board on December 11, 2015. On March 6, 2014, the Board charged Dr. Rabi with engaging in a pattern of sexual harassment, unethical or unprofessional conduct and/or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. A hearing was held on January 8-9, 2015. At that time of the hearing, Dr. Rabi practiced pediatric medicine in Dublin, Ohio. On February 19, 2015, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Rabi made improper and unwanted sexual comments and sexual advances toward female co-workers and engaged in sexual relations with female co-workers. The Board concluded that Dr. Rabi engaged in conduct of a sexual nature in the workplace which interfered with other health care worker's performance and/or created an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment. The Board suspended his Iowa medical license, issued him a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty. Recently, Dr. Rabi submitted a Request to Lift Suspension. Dr. Rabi demonstrated that he successfully completed Phase I and IIA of a Board-approved professional boundaries program and has participated in Board-approved psychotherapy and he argued that the basis for the suspension of his Iowa medical license no longer exists and it is in the public interest to reinstate his license. On December 11, 2015, the Board issued a Reinstatement Order. The Board reinstated Dr. Rabi's Iowa medical license and placed him on indefinite probation including: written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to practicing medicine under his Iowa medical license; compliance with the Board's monitoring program; compliance with the Board-approved professional boundaries program; polygraph examinations; psychotherapy; a worksite monitor; quarterly reports; appearances and a monitoring fee.

**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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