

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(February 10, 2016)

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the person'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 action:

[Paul M. Bolger, M.D.](#), a 44-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices medicine in Bettendorf, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 5, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Bolger with failing to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine when he prescribed medications to multiple patients via telemedicine using electronic means, based solely on an internet request, without establishing a physician-patient relationship sufficient to establish an informed diagnosis and provide appropriate medical care. The Board issued Dr. Bolger a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. The Board also prohibited him from engaging in the practice of telemedicine unless and until he demonstrates that he is able to do so in a safe manner and he receives prior written approval from the Board.

[Steven E. Miller, M.D.](#), a 57-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced cardiovascular medicine in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, had disciplinary charges dismissed by the Iowa Board on February 5, 2016. On November 9, 2011, Dr. Miller entered into an Agreement to Voluntarily Surrender his South Dakota Medical License due to a mental health condition. On August 8, 2014, the Board charged Dr. Miller with entering into a voluntary agreement to restrict the practice of medicine in another state. Dr. Miller's Iowa medical license has been inactive since January 1, 2011. Effective January 1, 2016, Dr. Miller relinquished his Iowa medical license because he failed to renew or reinstate his Iowa license within five (5) years after its expiration. Therefore, Dr. Miller no longer holds an Iowa medical license and the Board dismissed the pending disciplinary charges.

[Mary Pat Rosman, D.O.](#), a 59-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Sumner, Iowa, and currently practices medicine in Sibley, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 5, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Rosman with demonstrating professional incompetency in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa including: improper diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer; improper diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease; inadequate medical record keeping; improper office practices and improper telemedicine services. The Board issued Dr. Rosman a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board prohibited her from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and from engaging in the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease until and unless she demonstrates that she is competent to provide such care with reasonable skill and safety and receives prior written approval from the Board. The Board prohibited her from engaging in the practice of telemedicine in the future. The Board also placed her on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring including: prescribing audits; a structured, individualized education intervention; a practice monitoring plan and a worksite monitor.

Josh A. Smith, D.O., a 48-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices general surgery in Dennison, Carroll, Manning, Ida Grove and Sac City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 5, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Smith with demonstrating professional incompetency in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate surgical care to nine patients between 2008 and 2013 including: failure to have and/or document an informed discussion with a patient regarding the planned procedure prior to the operation; failure to recognize and/or document the severity of post-operative complications; failure to provide and/or document appropriate post-operative care; delegating post-operative care to the patient's primary care provider; and failure to have and/or document an informed discussion with a patient regarding the surgical findings, prognosis or treatment plan following the operation. Dr. Smith completed a comprehensive clinical competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) on June 26, 2015, and CPEP recommended that he complete a structured, individualized education plan which includes an educational preceptor, continuing medical education and self-study, and a clinical reassessment. The Board issued Dr. Smith 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 years subject to Board monitoring including a structured, individualized education plan and a practice monitoring plan.

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.