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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:

[Daniel J. Baldi, D.O.](#), a 54-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced pain management in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on October 28, 2016. On August 23, 2012, the Board filed disciplinary charges against Dr. Baldi alleging that he violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to numerous patients in Des Moines, Iowa, between 2004 and 2012. On September 21, 2012, Dr. Baldi entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board and agreed not to engage in any aspect of the practice of medicine until this matter has been resolved with the Board. Under the terms of the October 28, 2016, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Baldi a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also permanently prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain. The Board lifted the suspension of his Iowa medical license but he must successfully complete a Board-approved comprehensive clinical competency evaluation or a residency/retraining program to demonstrate his medical competency, and complete a professional ethics program and a medical record keeping course before he can return to the practice of medicine. Upon successful completion of these requirements, Dr. Baldi will be placed on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring including a Board-approved practice plan, controlled substance prescribing audits and a Board-approved practice monitoring plan.

[James D. Dickie, M.D.](#), a 47-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Olathe, Kansas, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on October 28, 2016. On June 2, 2016, Dr. Dickie entered into a Consent Order with the Kansas Board of Healing Arts (Kansas Board). The Kansas Board alleged that Dr. Dickie, as to an adult female patient, engaged in gross negligence; professional incompetence; improper consensual sexual contact with a patient which exploits the physician-patient relationship; improper prescribing for other than medically accepted or lawful purpose and failure to maintain appropriate medical records. Under the terms of the June 2, 2016, Consent Order, Dr. Dickie contested the allegations but acknowledged that, if proven, the allegations would provide the Kansas Board with grounds to impose discipline. Dr. Dickie voluntarily surrendered his Kansas medical license and agreed that the voluntary surrender shall be treated as a revocation for all purposes including reporting such action. Under the terms of the October 28, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Dr. Dickie voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

Foad Elahi, M.D., a 51-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced neurosurgery in Iowa City, Iowa, and currently practices in Manteca, California, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on October 28, 2016. The Board alleged that Dr. Elahi engaged in sexual harassment and/or unethical or unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of Iowa when he engaged in unwanted conduct of a sexual nature toward a female co-worker in Iowa City, Iowa, between March and October 2014, including unwanted sexual comments and unwanted hugging; touching; fondling; and kissing of the female co-worker. A hearing is scheduled on January 13, 2017.

David B. Robinson, M.D., a 42-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced neurology in Iowa City, Iowa, and currently practices in Brunswick, Maine, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on October 28, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Robinson with engaging in unprofessional conduct and violating appropriate professional boundaries. The Board alleged that Dr. Robinson engaged in sexual relations with a female co-worker and later prescribed non-controlled medications to her on multiple occasions between September 2013 and March 2014 without performing appropriate examinations and without maintaining appropriate medical records while practicing medicine in Iowa City, Iowa. Under the terms of the October 28, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Robinson 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 counseling and Board monitoring.

Michael T. Salwitz, M.D., a 69-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced medicine in Payson, Arizona, and intends to practice in Shenandoah, Iowa, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on October 28, 2016. On September 4, 2003, Dr. Salwitz entered into a Public Consent Agreement for Decree of Censure with the Arizona Medical Board (Arizona Board) after the Arizona Board concluded that Dr. Salwitz failed to appropriately evaluate, diagnose and treat a patient's gastric ulcer, and improperly discharged the patient from the emergency room with deteriorating vital signs. The Arizona Board issued Dr. Salwitz a Decree of Censure and he agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine. Dr. Salwitz was subsequently disciplined in Ohio based on the Arizona disciplinary action. Under the terms of the October 28, 2016, Consent Order, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Salwitz a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Arizona and Ohio Boards for failure to provide appropriate medical care to a single patient.

Jeffrey R. Wahl, D.O., a 37-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices orthopedic surgery in Guthrie Center, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on October 28, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Wahl with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he mistakenly performed left carpal tunnel release surgery on a female patient in Guthrie Center, Iowa, on October 23, 2015, when the patient was scheduled to undergo left middle trigger finger release surgery. Dr. Wahl recognized the error after the left carpal tunnel release surgery had been performed and performed the appropriate procedure. Dr. Wahl informed the patient of the error immediately after the procedure. Under the terms of the October 28, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Wahl a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. Dr. Wahl also submitted a written corrective action plan to the Board describing the steps he has taken to avoid such errors in the future.

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 by clicking [HERE](#), visiting the Board's Website at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, calling (515) 281-5847, or mail to 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309.