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

Joseph A. Brunkhorst, Jr., M.D., a 74-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Iowa Falls, Iowa, entered into a Stipulated Order – Voluntary Surrender with the Board on June 8, 2018. Recently, the Board learned that Dr. Brunkhorst suffers from a health condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety and Dr. Brunkhorst informed the Board that he has retired from the practice of medicine and wishes to surrender his Iowa medical license. Under the terms of the June 8, 2018, Stipulated Order – Voluntary Surrender, Dr. Brunkhorst voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

Russell D. England, M.D., a 66-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices psychiatry in Fairfield, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 8, 2018. The Board alleged that Dr. England violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he engaged in improper prescribing and pain management to multiple patients, prescribed controlled substances to a patient and a colleague without performing appropriate evaluations and without maintaining appropriate medical records and prescribed controlled substances to himself and members of his immediate family. Under the terms of the June 8, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. England a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and placed him on probation for a period of three years subject to Board monitoring including prescribing audits.

Douglas H. Gaither, M.D., a 70-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices emergency medicine in Bettendorf, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 8, 2018. The Board alleged that Dr. Gaither violated appropriate professional boundaries and indiscriminately or promiscuously prescribing controlled substances in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa, when he prescribed controlled substances to his domestic partner on multiple occasions between May 2012 and May 2013 in Davenport, Iowa. Under the terms of the June 8, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Gaither a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Gaither to successfully complete a Board-approved comprehensive professional boundaries evaluation within sixty days.

Luis Lebredo, M.D., a 59-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices general surgery in Sioux City, Iowa, had the terms of an order terminated by the Board on June 8, 2018. On April 8, 2015, Dr. Lebredo entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. Lebredo failed to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of surgery in Iowa in his treatment of multiple patients in Sioux City, Iowa, between 2006 and 2009. Under the terms of the April 8, 2015, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Lebredo a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved medical recordkeeping course. Dr. Lebredo also agreed to fully comply with a Board-approved practice monitoring plan for the remediation and monitoring of his surgical practice. On June 8, 2018, the Board determined that Dr. Lebredo has fully complied with the terms of the order and voted to terminate the terms of the April 8, 2015, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement and Dr. Lebredo's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

Sascha R. Parsons, M.D., a 46-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Boone, Iowa, entered into a Stipulated Order – Agreement Not to Practice Medicine with the Board on June 8, 2018. Recently, the Board learned that Dr. Parsons may suffer from a health condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Under the terms of the June 8, 2018, Stipulated Order – Agreement Not to Practice Medicine, Dr. Parsons agreed that she will not engage in the practice of medicine under her Iowa medical license until this matter is resolved. Dr. Parsons may seek to return to the practice of medicine under her Iowa medical license by demonstrating to the Board that she does not suffer from a health condition which impairs her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

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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