

## January 29, 1998

At its regular meeting held in Des Moines on January 29, 1998, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners initiated disciplinary action against the following Iowa licensed physicians:

**Merrill D. Van Patten, DO**, a 69 year old physician from Scottsdale, Arizona, was charged with having been disciplined by the medical licensing authority for the state of Arizona. Dr. Van Patten's Arizona medical license was revoked. A hearing is scheduled for April 22, 1998.

The Iowa Board of Medical Examiners Approved a Settlement Agreement tendered by the following Iowa licensed physicians:

**David A. Allerheiligen, MD**, a 49 year old physician from Casper, Wyoming, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. Dr. Allerheiligen was charged with being disciplined by the Wyoming Board of Medicine for prescribing controlled substances to family members. In the Iowa settlement Dr. Allerheiligen received a Letter of Citation and Warning as final resolution of this disciplinary matter.

**Norman D. Thede, MD**, a 63 year old physician from Britt, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. Dr. Thede was charged with violating an existing Settlement Agreement, knowingly allowing non-physician office staff to diagnose and treat patients and maintaining pre-signed prescriptions for use at a later time. Dr. Thede agreed to pay a \$3,500 civil penalty and receive a Citation and Warning as final resolution of this disciplinary matter.

**Jerald W. Bybee, MD**, a 44 year old physician from Maquoketa, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. Dr. Bybee was charged with the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of prescription medication and alcohol. Dr. Bybee was placed on four years probation with restrictions as final resolution of this disciplinary matter.

In other action, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners accepted the voluntary surrender of the following physician's Iowa medical license:

**Richard H. Mosher, MD**, a 46 year old physician from West Burlington, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

**If you wish additional information regarding any of these physicians please contact the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners at (515) 281-5171.**