

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Theodore J. Anfinson, M.D., a 49 year-old psychiatrist formerly practicing in Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. The Board charged Dr. Anfinson with engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public for entering into a sexual relationship with a patient. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Anfinson's Iowa medical license is indefinitely suspended. Dr. Anfinson must successfully complete a professional sexual misconduct evaluation at a Board-approved program and the Board will consider reinstatement of his medical license only after the evaluation program recommends that he is safe to return to the practice of medicine.

James D. Brokke, D.O., a 49 year-old physician practicing in Corydon and Seymour, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Brokke was charged with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to patients and engaging in unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Brokke's Iowa medical license is indefinitely suspended. Dr. Brokke must successfully complete a Board-approved professional competency evaluation and a physician-patient boundary program before the Board will consider reinstatement of his Iowa medical license. Dr. Brokke is also indefinitely prohibited from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances and he must pay a \$7,500 civil penalty.

Keith A. Garber, D.O., a 71 year-old physician practicing in Corydon, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Garber was charged with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to patients in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Garber's Iowa medical license is placed on probation for five years subject to certain terms and conditions. Dr. Garber is also indefinitely prohibited from prescribing or administering controlled substances for the treatment of patients with chronic, nonmalignant or intractable pain and he must pay a \$7,500 civil penalty.