

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

Suzanne E. Munns, M.D., a 48 year-old physician formerly practicing anesthesia in Waterloo, Iowa, entered into a Reinstatement Order with the Board. On November 16, 2000, the Board suspended Dr. Munns' Iowa medical license due to substance abuse. On April 3, 2001, Dr. Munns' Iowa medical license reinstated and placed on five (5) years probation subject to monitoring requirements for substance abuse. On July 25, 2002, Dr. Munns' license was again suspended after she tested positive for drugs. On May 29, 2003, Dr. Munns' license was reinstated and placed on five (5) years probation. On February 26, 2004, Dr. Munns' license was suspended again after she tested positive for drugs. Dr. Munns denied drug use. Dr. Munns recently completed substance abuse treatment at the Talbott Recovery Campus in Atlanta, Georgia. Talbott concluded that she is capable of returning to the practice of medicine subject to certain monitoring requirements for substance abuse. Under the terms of the Reinstatement Order, Dr. Munns license was reinstated, she received a Citation and Warning, she is required to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty prior to practicing medicine in Iowa, and her license has been placed on indefinite probation subject to numerous substance abuse monitoring requirements.

Benjamin Z. Rosario, M.D., a 64 year-old physician practicing in Council Bluffs, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license immediately suspended by the Board. On April 19, 2005, Dr. Rosario was arrested for illegally prescribing controlled drugs to undercover police officers and police informants on numerous occasions between May 24, 2004, and April 2005. The Board charged Dr. Rosario with; prescribing controlled drugs for an illegal purpose, prescribing drugs without establishing a legitimate physician-patient relationship, pre-signing prescriptions, having prescriptions completed and/or dispensed by a non-practitioner, receiving drugs back from patients, redistributing drugs without appropriate labeling, failing to maintain appropriate medical records, and fraudulent billing practices. A hearing has been scheduled in this matter for June 1, 2005.