

August 17, 1998

At its regular meeting held in Des Moines on August 17, 1998, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took formal disciplinary action against the following Iowa licensed physicians:

Thomas R. Gilman, DO, a 52 year old physician from Mason City, Iowa, was charged with being guilty of gross malpractice in connection with his treatment of three patients. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for October 21, 1998.

Lavern J. Flage, MD, a 67 year old physician from Independence, Iowa, was charged with violating the terms of his probation as established in an Informal Settlement Agreement with the Board. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for October 28, 1998.

Milton F. Austin, MD, a 45 year old internist from Keokuk, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license summarily suspended by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Austin was charged with engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with patients, sexual harassment of co-workers and employees, offering controlled substances to patients in exchange for sex and use of illegal drugs. A hearing on the charges has been scheduled for September 16, 1998.

John M. Nassif, MD, a 39 year old physician practicing in Battle Creek, Michigan, and the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order based on disciplinary action taken by the State of Nebraska. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Nassif a Letter of Citation and Warning. Dr. Nassif practiced in West Des Moines until moving his practice to Michigan in October of 1997.

The Iowa Board of Medical Examiners denied a permanent license to the following physicians:

Sylvester A. Nathan, MD, a 59 year old physician from Woodridge, Illinois, was denied permanent license application for failure to meet examination requirements.

Hassan Abou-Rass, MD, a 38 year old physician from Warren, Michigan, was denied permanent license application for providing false information on a license application.

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