

October 8, 1998

At its regular meeting held in Des Moines on October 8, 1998, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took formal disciplinary action against the following Iowa licensed physicians:

Horst G. Blume, M.D., a 72 year old physician practicing in Sioux City, Iowa, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with failing to meet the prevailing standard of care in the treatment of numerous chronic pain patients. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for December 16, 1998.

Jeffrey A. Jackson, M.D., a 40 year old physician from Mason City, Iowa, and the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order. Dr. Jackson was charged with prescribing controlled substances for a patient without providing an appropriate examination and without maintaining adequate medical records. Dr. Jackson was issued a Citation and Warning and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty.

Alex A. Carrese, M.D., a 47 year old physician practicing in Derby, Connecticut, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with being disciplined by the State of Connecticut and the State of New York. Dr. Carrese was charged with overutilization of surgical procedures and substandard record keeping practices. His New York license was placed on two years probation. Dr. Carrese's Iowa license is currently inactive and he has not practiced in Iowa for many years. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for December 16, 1998.

Andrejs Dimants, M.D., a 58 year old physician from Three Rivers, Michigan, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with being disciplined by the State of Michigan. Dr. Dimants was charged with over-prescribing codeine and sleeping pills. His Michigan license was suspended for six months. Dr. Dimants' Iowa license is currently inactive and he has not practiced in Iowa for many years. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for December 16, 1998.

Ward Richard Dunseth, M.D., a 74 year old physician from Carlinville, Illinois, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with being disciplined by the State of Illinois. Dr. Dunseth was charged with gross negligence for failing to properly treat a patient's breast cancer. His Illinois medical license was suspended for one year. Dr. Dunseth's Iowa license is currently inactive and he has not practiced in Iowa for many years. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for December 16, 1998.

Pawel A. Wojewski, M.D., a 50 year old physician practicing in Rapid City, South Dakota, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with being disciplined by the State of South Dakota. Dr. Wojewski's Iowa license is currently inactive and he has not practiced in Iowa for many years. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for December 16, 1998.

Nita Katherine Babcock, M.D., a 44 year old physician practicing in Oakland, Nebraska, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with being disciplined by the State of Nebraska. Dr. Babcock's Iowa license is currently inactive and she has not practiced in Iowa for many years. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for December 16, 1998.

The Iowa Board of Medical Examiners issued a Final Order accepting the panel decision in disciplinary action taken against the following Iowa licensed physicians:

The Iowa Board indefinitely suspended the medical license of James L. Hopkins, M.D., a physician from Salt Lake City, Utah, based on disciplinary action taken by the State of Utah. Dr. Hopkins was charged with abusing controlled substances and his Utah medical license was placed on five years probation with restrictions. Dr. Hopkins has not practiced in Iowa for many years.

The Iowa Board revoked the medical license of Alan J. Stalheim, M.D., a physician from Carpinteria, California, based on disciplinary action taken by the State of California. Dr. Stalheim was charged with the

inability to practice medicine safely due to an impairment and failure to comply with a board order and his California medical license was revoked. Dr. Stalheim has not practiced in Iowa for many years.

The Iowa Board revoked the medical license of Edward B. Curry, M.D., a physician from Birmingham, Alabama, based on disciplinary action taken by the State of New York. Dr. Curry was charged with the inability to practice medicine safely due to an impairment and failure to comply with a board order and his New York medical license was revoked. Dr. Curry has not practiced in Iowa for many years.

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