

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following actions:

[Lee O. Fagre, M.D.](#), a 59 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Waverly, Iowa, completed the terms of his probation on October 21, 2014. On March 18, 1992, the Board placed Dr. Fagre on probation for a period of five years for substance abuse. On March 15, 1996, the Board terminated the terms of probation. On February 11, 2008, the Board again placed Dr. Fagre on probation for a period of five years for substance abuse. On February 11, 2013, the Board terminated the terms of probation. On October 21, 2009, the Board placed Dr. Fagre on probation for a period of five years for failing to provide appropriate care to multiple patients. Dr. Fagre also agreed not to practice obstetrics in the future and completed a supervised educational program. On October 21, 2014, Dr. Fagre completed the terms of probation, the Board issued a Termination Order, and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear, of all restrictions.

[Jerry A. Hancock, M.D.](#), a 53-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Des Moines, Iowa, had the terms of his probation terminated by the Board on December 5, 2014. On April 8, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Hancock with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct and disruptive behavior. The Board issued Dr. Hancock a Citation and Warning and referred him to the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for monitoring. On February 4, 2010, the Board charged Dr. Hancock with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct and alcohol abuse. On July 8, 2010, the Board placed Dr. Hancock on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and Board monitoring. On December 5, 2014, the Board issued a Termination Order and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear, of all restrictions.

[Jeffery M. Jauron, D.O.](#), a 38-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Moline and Rock Island, Illinois, had the terms of his probation terminated by the Board on December 5, 2014. On February 9, 2012, the Board charged Dr. Jauron with engaging in sexual relations with a female patient in Moline, Illinois, in October 2008, and for being disciplined by the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation on April 20, 2011. On August 10, 2012, the Board concluded that Dr. Jauron engaged in sexual misconduct with a female patient and was subsequently disciplined in Illinois. The Board placed Dr. Jauron on probation and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty. The Board also ordered him to have a female chaperone present at all times when treating female patients, to complete a Board-approved professional boundaries program and to practice in a Board-approved practice setting. On December 5, 2014, the Board terminated the terms of Dr. Jauron's probation but he must continue to have a female chaperone present at all times when treating female patients.

[Malik E. Juweid, M.D.](#), a 53-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced nuclear medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on December 5, 2014. On November 18, 2011, the Board ordered Dr. Juweid to complete a comprehensive physical, neuropsychological, mental health, unprofessional conduct and disruptive behavior evaluation due to concerns that he engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior and/or unprofessional conduct in Iowa City, Iowa, between 2010 and 2012. Dr. Juweid filed an objection to the order. On September 11, 2012, Dr. Juweid entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board and he agreed not to practice medicine under his Iowa medical

license and the Board agreed to stay enforcement of the evaluation order. Dr. Juweid subsequently requested a hearing. On August 13, 2013, the Board ordered Dr. Juweid to complete the Board-ordered evaluation within ninety days. On September 1, 2013, Dr. Juweid allowed his Iowa medical license to go inactive. On December 20, 2013, the Board charged Dr. Juweid with failing to complete the Board-ordered evaluation within ninety days. On March 6, 2014, Dr. Juweid entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges and he agreed not to practice medicine under his Iowa medical license until he has completed the Board-ordered evaluation. On August 19, 2014, Dr. Juweid completed the evaluation. The evaluation program concluded that Dr. Juweid suffers from a chronic health condition and he experienced an acute episode that was induced by a self-prescribed medication which contributed to his behavior in this matter. The evaluation program noted that Dr. Juweid's symptoms have resolved since he stopped taking the medication and concluded that he is presently fit to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. The evaluation program recommended that Dr. Juweid continue treatment with a professional who has an understanding of the treatment of his chronic health condition and his previous behavior. Under the terms of the December 5, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board charged Dr. Juweid with engaging in a in a pattern of disruptive behavior and/or unprofessional conduct in Iowa City, Iowa, between 2010 and 2012. The Board issued Dr. Juweid a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. Dr. Juweid agreed to continue treatment with a professional who has an understanding of the treatment of his chronic health condition and his previous behavior. The Board also ordered Dr. Juweid to complete a Board-approved professional ethics program prior to seeking reinstatement of his Iowa medical license. The Board also placed Dr. Juweid on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring.

**Michael L. Moeller, M.D.**, a 55-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices psychiatry in Rock Valley and Le Mars, Iowa, completed the terms of his probation on November 18, 2014. On August 18, 2011, the Board charged Dr. Moeller with engaging in unethical and/or unprofessional conduct and violating appropriate professional boundaries in Spencer, Iowa, in 2010. On November 18, 2011, the Board placed Dr. Moeller on probation for a period of three years subject to Board monitoring. On November 18, 2014, Dr. Moeller completed the term of his probation and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear, of all restrictions.

**Esteban Olivera Alemar, M.D.**, a 56-year-old physician who practices emergency medicine in Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach, Florida, and intends to practice in Sioux City, Iowa, was granted a permanent Iowa medical license subject to a Consent Agreement on December 8, 2014. On August 16, 2004, Dr. Olivera Alemar was disciplined by the Florida Board of Medicine (Florida Board) for failing to provide appropriate medical care to a patient who presented to the emergency department with chest pain in Lake Wells, Florida, in August 2000. The Florida Board issued Dr. Olivera Alemar a Letter of Concern and ordered him to complete additional continuing medical education and pay a \$5,000 fine plus costs. Under the terms of the December 8, 2014, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Olivera Alemar a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Florida Board.

**Amy D. Putney**, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, was issued a Cease and Desist Letter dated December 8, 2014. The Board received information which indicates that Ms. Putney has engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. The information reviewed by the Board indicates that Ms. Putney has performed electroencephalograms (EEGs) and quantitative electroencephalograms (QEEGs) and provided neurofeedback treatment to patients with attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), learning disorders, sleep disorders, migraines and other

health and mental health conditions. The Board noted that Ms. Putney has not graduated from an accredited medical school and does not hold an active Iowa medical license. The Board ordered Ms. Putney to Cease and Desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in the future. If the Board receives information which indicates that Mr. Putney has engaged in the practice of medicine after the date she receives the Cease and Desist Letter, the Board will refer the matter to the Iowa Attorney General's Office to initiate a civil injunction action and to the Black Hawk County Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

**James M. Rynerson, M.D.**, a 57-year-old physician who currently practices ophthalmology in Bowling, Kentucky, and intends to practice in West Des Moines, Iowa, was granted a permanent Iowa medical license subject to a Consent Agreement on December 9, 2014. On February 2, 2005, Dr. Rynerson was disciplined by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (Kentucky Board) for prescribing controlled substances to his wife and continuing to do so even after he received a Letter of Concern from the Kentucky Board. The Kentucky Board restricted Dr. Rynerson's prescribing practices and ordered him to complete a prescribing course. The prescribing restriction was terminated on April 13, 2006. Dr. Rynerson was subsequently disciplined in Tennessee and denied a medical license in Illinois based on the Kentucky disciplinary action. Under the terms of the December 9, 2014, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Rynerson a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Kentucky Board.

**Robert C. Turner, M.D.**, a 61-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices internal medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana, had the terms placed on his Iowa medical license terminated by the Board on December 5, 2014. On June 20, 2012, Dr. Turner was disciplined by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Wisconsin Board) for failing to provide appropriate pain management to three patients between 2006 and 2011 and failing to adequately safeguard prescription pads resulting in theft. The Wisconsin Board restricted Dr. Turner's opiate prescribing and required him to practice under the oversight of a professional mentor. On June 28, 2013, the Iowa Board disciplined Dr. Turner based on the Wisconsin disciplinary action. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Turner a Citation and Warning and ordered him to comply with the terms established by the Wisconsin Board. The Iowa Board also restricted Dr. Turner's ability to prescribe controlled substance and ordered him to complete a Board-approved prescribing course. On June 23, 2014, the Wisconsin Board concluded that Dr. Turner completed the terms his order and returned his Wisconsin medical license to full, unrestricted status. On December 5, 2014, the Iowa Board terminated the terms placed on Dr. Turner's Iowa medical license and returned it to its full privileges, free and clear, of all restrictions.

**Kimberly A. VerSteeg, D.O.**, a 42-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices obstetrics and gynecology in Waterloo, Iowa, had an Amended Order issued by the Board on December 5, 2014. On February 9, 2012, the Board charged Dr. VerSteeg with failing to provide appropriate treatment to multiple patients in Waverly, Iowa, between 2007 and 2009. On October 5, 2012, Dr. VerSteeg entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. The Board issued Dr. VerSteeg a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. The Board placed Dr. VerSteeg on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions including a Board-approved practice monitoring program. On December 5, 2014, the Board concluded that Dr. VerSteeg has fully complied with the terms placed on her Iowa medical license and issued an Amended Order terminating the Board-approved practice monitoring program. Dr. VerSteeg must fully comply with the remaining terms established in the October 5, 2012, Settlement Agreement.

**John D. Wassner, M.D.**, a 67-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced surgery in Los Alamos, New Mexico, was granted reinstatement of his permanent Iowa medical license subject to a Consent Agreement on December 8, 2014. On October 3, 2013, Dr. Wassner was

disciplined by the New Mexico Medical Board (New Mexico Board) for failing to report an adverse action taken by a health care entity in violation of the New Mexico medical practice act. The New Mexico Board issued Dr. Wassner a public reprimand. Under the terms of the December 8, 2014, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board reinstated Dr. Wassner's permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the New Mexico Board.

**Irving L. Wolfe, D.O.**, a 57-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices neurology in Des Moines, Iowa, had the terms established in a disciplinary order terminated by the Board on December 5, 2014. On May 4, 2006, Dr. Wolfe entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Wolfe with engaging in inappropriate sexual relations with three patients, inappropriate prescribing and documenting patient examinations that he did not perform. The Board suspended Dr. Wolfe's Iowa medical license, issued him a Citation and Warning and ordered to him pay a \$10,000 civil penalty. On February 12, 2007, the Board reinstated Dr. Wolfe's Iowa medical license and placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. He was ordered to have a Board-approved female chaperone continually present when treating female patients. He was also prohibited from prescribing or administering schedule II controlled substances and he was prohibited from prescribing or administering controlled substances for the treatment of patients with chronic, nonmalignant or intractable pain and headache treatment. On February 12, 2012, Dr. Wolfe completed the terms of his probation and the Board terminated the terms of probation. However, Dr. Wolfe was required to have a female chaperone present when treating female patients and he was prohibited from prescribing or administering schedule II controlled substances and prescribing or administering controlled substances for the treatment of patients with chronic, nonmalignant or intractable pain and headache treatment. On December 5, 2014, the Board voted to terminate the chaperone requirement and the restrictions on his ability to prescribe or administer controlled substances and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear, of all restrictions.

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