

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

James A. Yeltatzie, M.D., a 46 year-old psychiatrist practicing in Muscatine, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license suspended by the Board. The Board concluded that Dr. Yeltatzie poses an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. On June 27, 1991, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Yeltatzie for making improper physical contact with three psychiatric patients. Dr. Yeltatzie was also charged with suffering from a mental condition which affected his relationship with patients, unlawful possession of marijuana and with filing false license applications with the Board. The Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Yeltatzie's Iowa medical license. On January 19, 1994, Dr. Yeltatzie's Iowa medical license was reinstated and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. On March 4, 1999, the Board charged Dr. Yeltatzie with violating the terms of his probation when he practiced outside the scope of psychiatry, improperly used controlled or prescription drugs, and failed to file required monthly reports with the Board. Dr. Yeltatzie was issued a Citation and Warning, required to pay a \$6,000 civil penalty and he was required to submit to psychiatric evaluation and treatment with a Board-approved psychiatrist. On December 20, 2005, the Board filed an Emergency Adjudicative Order and Statement of Charges immediately suspending Dr. Yeltatzie's Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Yeltatzie with engaging in professional incompetency and practice harmful or detrimental to the public in his treatment of chronic pain and mental health conditions. A hearing in this matter is set for January 12, 2006.