

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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At its regular meeting held in Des Moines on May 27, 1999, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Milton F. Austin, M.D., a 45 year old physician formerly practicing in Keokuk, Iowa, and the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order. On August 28, 1999 the Board summarily suspended Dr. Austin's Iowa medical license. Dr. Austin was charged with engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct, offering controlled substances to patients in exchange for sex, possessing and using marijuana and the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. On May 27, 1999, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Austin's Iowa medical license and assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty.

Steven F. Palmer, M.D., a 55 year old physician from West Liberty, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Iowa, effective May 10, 1999. Palmer Clinic and Dr. Palmer's medical practice have been sold.

Joseph H. Walsh, D.O., a 64 year old physician from West Des Moines, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Iowa, effective May, 17, 1999.

James E. Daggett, M.D., a 63 year old physician from Hawarden, Iowa, and the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order. Dr. Daggett was charged with failure to complete medical records in a timely manner in violation of a prior Board Order. The Iowa Board assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty and extended Dr. Daggett's probation with additional terms and conditions.

William D. Miles, D.O., a 51 year old physician from Miamisburg, Ohio, and the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Miles with being disciplined by the State of Ohio, and subsequently, Utah and Pennsylvania, for substance abuse. Dr. Miles voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license and has not practiced in Iowa for many years.

Azmy T. Danial, M.D., a 56 year old physician from Cleveland, Ohio, and the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Danial with being disciplined by the State of Ohio for holding himself out as a physician prior to receiving an Ohio medical license. The Iowa Board issued a public Citation and Warning. Dr. Danial has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

In other action, the Board filed charges against the following Iowa licensed physicians:

Paul L. Loeffelholz, M.D., a 65 year old physician practicing in Oakdale, Iowa, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with failure to provide appropriate psychiatric care to patients. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for July 28, 1999.

John Warren Cox, M.D., a 50 year old physician from Tupelo, Mississippi, was charged by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners with having been disciplined by the medical licensing authority for the state of Mississippi. Dr. Cox was charged with substance abuse and unprofessional conduct and his Mississippi medical license was indefinitely suspended and placed on probation with certain terms and conditions. Dr. Cox has not practiced in Iowa for some time. A hearing on the charges is scheduled for August 25, 1999.

In other action by the Board:

Mahmound Nirmir Musa, M.D. was denied a permanent Iowa medical license by the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners based on disciplinary action taken by the State of Illinois.