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PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the person's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for these physicians.

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Erik T. Branstetter, D.O., a 48-year-old physician entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board and was granted a permanent Iowa medical license on January 11, 2018. On July 20, 2017, Dr. Branstetter entered into a Final Decision and Order with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Wisconsin Board). The Order states that on October 7, 2013, Dr. Branstetter performed surgery on a patient and inadvertently removed her ovaries. Dr. Branstetter's chart indicated he discussed the pathology findings with the patient during an October 14, 2013, postoperative visit, but did not reference removal of her ovaries. During a November 11, 2013, postoperative meeting Dr. Branstetter first realized he had removed the patient's ovaries and discussed it with her. However, the medical chart did not reference the discussion. The Wisconsin Board determined that Dr. Branstetter failed to conform to the standard of minimally competent medical practice and issued him a Reprimand and ordered him to pay \$826.62 in costs. Under the terms of the January 11, 2018, Consent Agreement, the Board granted Dr. Branstetter a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Wisconsin Board and ordered him to successfully complete a Board-approved professional ethics program.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

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