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

[Mark A. Pithan, M.D.](#), entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on October 30, 2017. Dr. Pithan submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license on May 17, 2017, and the Board learned that Dr. Pithan entered into a Stipulation and Final Agency Order with the Colorado Medical Board (Colorado Board) on October 20, 2016. On May 11, 2015, Dr. Pithan was arrested on suspicion of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. On September 16, 2015, the Colorado Board required Dr. Pithan to undergo evaluation with the Colorado Physician Health Program (CPHP) and cooperate with CPHP. On September 22, 2015, Dr. Pithan admitted to DEA investigators he had self-prescribed and self-administered a controlled substance with no record keeping or security in place. On September 23, 2015, Dr. Pithan voluntarily surrendered his DEA registration and all controlled substances in his office. On September 29, 2015, Dr. Pithan pled guilty to Driving While Ability Impaired and he was sentenced to one year of supervised probation and 24 hours of community service. On October 28, 2015, Dr. Pithan signed a Treatment and Monitoring Agreement with CPHP agreeing not to return to clinical practice until clinically safe to do so. On November 9, 2015, CPHP reported Dr. Pithan had completed a substance abuse evaluation and the evaluation program recommended residential treatment for substance use. On November 15, 2016, Dr. Pithan entered into a Non-Disciplinary Interim Cessation of Practice Agreement with the Colorado Board. Dr. Pithan entered a 30-day treatment program and was successfully discharged on May 5, 2016. On May 18, 2016, CPHP indicated Dr. Pithan was safe to practice medicine in the context of treatment and monitoring. On October 20, 2016, Dr. Pithan entered into Stipulation and Final Order with the Colorado Board and Dr. Pithan agreed to 180-day suspension; indefinite probation; a letter of admonition; abstinence from addictive substances; and five years of ongoing treatment monitoring. Under the terms of the October 30, 2017, Consent Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Pithan a Citation and Warning and referred him to the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for assessment and Dr. Pithan agreed to fully comply with any and all requirements established by the IPHP.

Christopher F. Stubbs, M.D., a 42-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Audubon, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on October 27, 2017. The Board alleged that Dr. Stubbs engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he provided false information to the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) and the Board concerning his medical school attendance history. The Board alleged that Dr. Stubbs failed to disclose his attendance at, and termination from, Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, on applications for the ECFMG Step 2 CK exam, the ECFMG Step 2 CS exam and his Iowa medical license. The Board also alleged that Dr. Stubbs used misleading information on his online employment biography. Under the terms of the October 27, 2017, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Stubbs a Citation and Warning, suspended his Iowa medical license for ten (10) days beginning October 28, 2017, and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Stubbs to complete a professional ethics program and amend his current employment biography to ensure it is not misleading regarding his medical school history and ensure that all such biographies in the future are not misleading. Finally, the Board placed Dr. Stubbs on probation for a period of three years subject to Board monitoring and a practice mentor.

LeRoy L. Yates, Jr., M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed, board certified, obstetrician and gynecologist who practices cosmetic surgery in Davenport, Iowa, had an Amended Statement of Charges and Emergency Adjudicative Order issued by the Board on October 27, 2017. On July 29, 2016, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Yates alleging that he violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine when he failed to provide appropriate cosmetic surgical care to multiple patients in Davenport, Iowa, between 2013 and 2015. The Board alleged that Dr. Yates: fails to possess adequate training in cosmetic surgery; inappropriately delegated anesthesia services to unqualified medical staff; inappropriately performed cosmetic surgical procedures under intravenous sedation in an unsafe office setting; failed to establish and/or document appropriate safety measures; performed cosmetic surgical procedures on patients who were not appropriate candidates for the procedures; failed to perform and/or document appropriate monitoring during procedures; failed to maintain appropriate medical and anesthesia records; failed to obtain appropriate informed consent; failed to provide and/or document appropriate follow-up care; experienced excessive postoperative infections; experienced excessive postoperative complications; failed to appropriately diagnose and/or treat postoperative complications; failed to obtain appropriate hospital privileges; performed large volume liposuction procedures under intravenous sedation in an office setting without appropriate monitoring or hospital privileges to manage patients postoperatively; performed a cosmetic surgical procedure on, and prescribed, administered or dispensed controlled substances to, a member of his immediate family; made misleading, deceptive or untrue representations regarding his competency to perform cosmetic surgical procedures and his complication rates and his success rates; and used untruthful or improbable statements in advertisements. Dr. Yates completed a clinical competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education (CPEP) and CPEP determined that the deficiencies identified during the evaluation are significant enough that Dr. Yates is not able to remain in independent practice while he remediates his skills. Further, upon additional evaluation, it was determined that Dr. Yates suffers from a medical condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine independently with reasonable skill and safety at this time. On October 27, 2017, the Board issued an Amended Statement of Charges alleging Dr. Yates suffers from a medical condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine independently with reasonable skill and safety at this time. The Board also issued an Emergency Adjudicative Order prohibiting Dr. Yates from practicing medicine under his Iowa medical license at this time after determining that his continued treatment of patients constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. A hearing is scheduled on December 14-15, 2017.

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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