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

[Ruben Altman, M.D.](#), an 82-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices internal medicine in Council Bluffs, Iowa, had the terms of an order terminated by the Board on December 15, 2017. On July 26, 2012, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Altman alleging that he engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. A hearing was held before the Board on April 26, 2013, and the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order on June 6, 2013. The Board concluded that Dr. Altman engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior. Under the terms of the June 6, 2013, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order, the Board issued Dr. Altman a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Altman to complete a Board-approved program for physicians who have behavioral problems in the workplace and placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. Recently, Dr. Altman submitted a request to terminate the terms of the June 6, 2013, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. Dr. Altman demonstrated that he has fully complied with the terms of the order. The Board noted that Dr. Altman paid the \$1,000 civil penalty and successfully completed a Board-approved program for physicians who have behavioral problems in the workplace. The Board also noted that Dr. Altman has fully complied with the terms of his probation, including Board monitoring. On December 15, 2017, the Board voted to terminate the terms of the June 6, 2013, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order and Dr. Altman's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

[Joseph C. Darrow, Jr., M.D.](#), a 68-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced orthopedic surgery in Fort Madison, Iowa, and currently practices in Kirksville, Missouri, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on December 15, 2017. The Board charged Dr. Darrow with engaging in sexual misconduct when he engaged in a sexual relationship with a female patient concurrent with, or immediately following, the physician-patient relationship, in Fort Madison, Iowa, in 2014. Dr. Darrow subsequently married the female patient. Under the terms of the December 15, 2017, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Darrow a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty, complete neurological testing under the direction of a Board-approved neurologist, complete a Board-approved treatment program for professional boundaries and establish a worksite monitor with the Board.

Roy A. Doorenbos, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Grinnell, Iowa, had a Statement of Charges issued by the Board on December 15, 2017. The Board alleges Dr. Doorenbos engaged sexual misconduct when he engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a female patient, who was also a family friend and was staying at his home, on multiple occasions in March 2017. On September 27, 2017, Dr. Doorenbos was charged in Poweshiek County, Iowa, with one count of Sexual Abuse – 3rd degree, a class C felony and two counts of Assault with Intent to Commit Sexual Abuse, aggravated misdemeanors. A hearing is scheduled on February 23, 2018.

Catherine M. Hansen, D.O., a 35-year-old physician entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board and was granted an Iowa resident physician license on December 15, 2017. Dr. Hansen previously held an Iowa resident physician license. On October 3, 2017, Dr. Hansen submitted an application for a new Iowa resident physician license and the Board learned that Dr. Hansen improperly managed medical records when she disclosed patients' personally identifiable health information that she obtained during her previous residency training in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 2013, in violation of patient privacy standards. Under the terms of the December 15, 2017, Consent Agreement, the Board granted Dr. Hansen an Iowa resident physician license, issued her a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and successfully complete a Board-approved professional ethics program.

Mark N. Hill, M.D., a 66-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced surgery in Libertyville, Illinois, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board on December 15, 2017. The Board charged Dr. Hill with being disciplined by another licensing board in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. On May 12, 2017, Dr. Hill entered into a Consent Order with the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation (Illinois Board). The Illinois Board alleged that Dr. Hill violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Illinois when he engaged in treatment of a patient of his practice while Dr. Hill had a power of attorney over the patient. The Illinois Board issued Dr. Hill a Reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine and take and pass the Ethics and Boundaries Post-Licensure Essay Examination, and prohibited him from practicing medicine or surgery in a solo practice. Under the terms of the December 15, 2017, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Hill a Citation and Warning, ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and prohibited him from practicing medicine or surgery in a solo practice under his Iowa medical license.

Jill M. Hunt, M.D., a 63-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced general medicine in Dubuque, Iowa, and currently practices occupational medicine and wound care in Dubuque, Iowa, had the terms of an order terminated by the Board on December 15, 2017. On August 8, 2014, Dr. Hunt entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. Hunt failed to provide appropriate chronic pain management to multiple patients in Dubuque, Iowa, between May 2009 and November 2010. The Board issued Dr. Hunt a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program and medical recordkeeping course. The Board also prohibited Dr. Hunt from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and placed her on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring, including prescribing audits. The Board noted that Dr. Hunt has fully complied with the terms of the order. The Board noted that Dr. Hunt paid the \$5,000 civil penalty and successfully completed a Board-approved professional ethics program and medical recordkeeping course. The Board also noted that Dr. Hunt has fully complied with the terms of her probation, including Board monitoring and prescribing audits. On December 15, 2017, the Board voted to terminate the terms of the August 8, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement and Dr. Hunt's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

George B. Isaac, M.D., a 57-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices rheumatology in Dubuque, Iowa, had a Statement of Charges issued by the Board on December 15, 2017. The Board alleges that Dr. Isaac engaged in professional incompetency and violated the standards of practice for appropriate pain management when he failed to provide appropriate medical care to multiple patients in Dubuque, Iowa, between 2010 and 2015. The charges allege improper medication management; inadequate documentation; improper polypharmacy; inadequate coordination of care; failure to explore and/or recommend available non-pharmacological treatment options and improper chronic pain management. A hearing is scheduled on February 23, 2018.

Gregory P. Neyman, M.D., a 46-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Marengo, Iowa, had a Statement of Charges issued by the Board on December 15, 2017. The Board alleged that Dr. Neyman engaged in sexual misconduct when he sent sexually explicit Facebook messages and text messages to a female patient in Marengo, Iowa, in February 2017. On April 4, 2013, Dr. Neyman entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Neyman with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct, dishonesty and/or disruptive behavior between 2005 and 2013. The Board issued Dr. Neyman a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Neyman to complete a Board-approved professional ethics program and placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and Board monitoring. On February 6, 2015, Dr. Neyman entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Neyman with engaging in sexual misconduct when he engaged in a consensual sexual relationship with a female patient in Marengo, Iowa, in 2011. The Board issued Dr. Neyman a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Neyman to have a Board-approved female healthcare provider chaperone continually present when treating female patients and placed him on indefinite probation subject to sexual misconduct counseling; professional ethics training; polygraph examinations and Board monitoring. A hearing is scheduled on February 23, 2018.

Saad A. Saad M.D., a 72-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced pediatric surgery in Eatontown, New Jersey, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board on December 15, 2017. The Board charged Dr. Saad with being disciplined by another licensing authority in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. On July 17, 2017, Dr. Saad was arrested in Eatontown, New Jersey, and charged with endangering the welfare of a child and criminal sexual contact, two counts alleging improper and inappropriate touching of a minor patient. On August 15, 2017, Dr. Saad entered into an Interim Consent Order with the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (New Jersey Board). The New Jersey Board alleged that Dr. Saad violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in New Jersey when he engaged in gross and/or repeated acts of negligence; professional misconduct; sexual misconduct; acts constituting crimes of moral turpitude; and crimes which relate adversely to the practice of medicine. The New Jersey Board alleged that Dr. Saad's conduct demonstrates a clear and imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare to the people of the State of New Jersey. Dr. Saad agreed to immediately surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. The surrender was deemed a temporary suspension of his license to practice medicine and surgery pending the disposition of the criminal charges and until further order of the New Jersey Board. Under the terms of the December 15, 2017, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Saad a Citation and Warning and Dr. Saad voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve this matter.

James W. Sego D.O., a 53-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices internal medicine in Cleveland, Tennessee, had the terms of an order terminated by the Board on December 15, 2017. On November 3, 2010, Dr. Sego entered into a Consent Order with the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination (Tennessee Board). The Tennessee Board alleged that Dr. Sego pre-signed prescription pads to be used by unlicensed staff when he was not available or out of the office; prescribed controlled substances to his wife for his personal use and abused controlled substances. The Tennessee Board placed Dr. Sego on probation for a period of four years subject to Board monitoring, prohibited him from practicing medicine in a solo practice setting, and ordered him to pay a \$4,000 Civil Penalty. On August 30, 2011, Dr. Sego entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board based on the Tennessee Consent Order. The Iowa Board granted Dr. Sego a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning, ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty, prohibited him from practicing medicine in a solo practice setting and referred him to the Iowa Physician Health Program for assistance and monitoring for substance abuse. Recently, Dr. Sego submitted a request to terminate the terms of his Iowa Consent Agreement. Dr. Sego demonstrated that he has fully complied with the terms of the Tennessee Consent Order and the Iowa Consent Agreement, including successful participation in the Iowa Physician Health Program. On December 15, 2017, the Board voted to terminate the terms of Dr. Sego's Iowa Consent Agreement and Dr. Sego's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

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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