



PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (August 1, 2018)

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

Daniel J. Baldi, D.O., a 56-year-old Iowa-licensed anesthesiologist who formerly practiced pain management in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into an Amended Order with the Board on July 27, 2018. On August 23, 2012, the Board filed charges against Dr. Baldi alleging that he violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to numerous patients in Des Moines, Iowa, between 2004 and 2012. On September 21, 2012, Dr. Baldi entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board and agreed not to engage in any aspect of the practice of medicine until this matter has been resolved by the Board. On October 28, 2016, Dr. Baldi entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board issued Dr. Baldi a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also permanently prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain. The Board lifted the suspension of his Iowa medical license and Dr. Baldi agreed to complete a Board-approved remediation program, a professional ethics program and a medical record keeping course. The Board also placed Dr. Baldi on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring including a Board-approved practice plan, controlled substance prescribing audits and a Board-approved practice monitoring plan. Under the terms of the July 27, 2018, Amended Order, the Board determined that Dr. Baldi has fully complied with the terms of the October 28, 2016, Settlement Agreement and has demonstrated that he is competent to practice general anesthesia with reasonable skill and safety. Dr. Baldi agreed that he shall only practice general anesthesia in a Board-approved practice setting and shall not engage in any other area of the practice of medicine under his Iowa medical license. The Board shall audit Dr. Baldi's medical practice to ensure that he fully complies with the terms of the Amended Order.

Anthony G. Conrardy, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed anesthesiologist who formerly practiced pain medicine in Ypsilanti, Michigan, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on July 27, 2018. On March 21, 2017, Dr. Conrardy was convicted of five (5) felony counts of unlawfully prescribing controlled substances outside the scope of usual professional medical practice and for no legitimate medical purpose to patients without medical necessity for the drugs in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. The criminal charges alleged that Dr. Conrardy unlawfully prescribed Schedule II-V controlled substances to patients without medical necessity in Ypsilanti, Michigan, between September 2011 and March 2015. Dr. Conrardy was sentenced to thirty (30) months in prison. Under the terms of the July 27, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Dr. Conrardy surrendered his Iowa medical license.

Kathryn M. Hajj, M.D., a 58-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced internal medicine in Lincoln, Nebraska, and currently practices in Council Bluffs, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on July 27, 2018. On February 23, 2018, Dr. Hajj entered into an Order on Agreed Settlement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Nebraska Board). The Nebraska Board alleged that Dr. Hajj violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Nebraska when she inappropriately prescribed narcotic medications to a colleague without performing appropriate examinations and without maintaining appropriate medical records. The information indicates the colleague was obtaining narcotic medications from other healthcare providers and was abusing narcotic medications. Under the terms of the February 23, 2018, Order on Agreed Settlement, the Nebraska Board issued Dr. Hajj a public censure and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Nebraska Board also ordered Dr. Hajj to complete continuing medical education in the areas of opioid prescribing, professional ethics and medical record keeping. Dr. Hajj has successfully completed with the terms of the February 23, 2018, Order on Agreed Settlement. Under the terms of the July 27, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Hajj a Citation and Warning. Additionally, Dr. Hajj has reviewed the Board's Standards of Practice – Appropriate Pain Management (653 Iowa Administrative Code 13.2) and submitted a paper to the Board demonstrating that she fully understands the standards of practice for appropriate pain management in Iowa. Dr. Hajj agrees to fully comply with the standards of practice for appropriate pain management in Iowa in the future.

Timothy G. Leeds, M.D., a 58-year-old Iowa-licensed anesthesiologist who formerly practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Round Rock, Texas, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on July 27, 2018. On December 8, 2017, Dr. Leeds entered into an Agreed Order with the Texas Medical Board (Texas Board). The Texas Board alleged that Dr. Leeds failed to exercise proper diligence in his treatment of a female patient who ultimately died of preeclampsia and engaged in unprofessional conduct by behaving in a disruptive manner towards hospital personnel, patients and other medical personnel in a manner that interfered or could reasonably be expected to adversely impact the quality of care rendered to patients, resulting in the revocation of his hospital privileges. Under the terms of the December 8, 2017, Agreed Order, the Texas Board ordered Dr. Leeds to take and pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination given by the Texas Board. The Texas Board also ordered Dr. Leeds to complete continuing medical education in the areas of anger management, risk management and pregnancy complications. Under the terms of the July 27, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Leeds a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a comprehensive disruptive behavior evaluation. The Board also placed Dr. Leeds on probation for a period of five years subject to a Board-approved group practice setting, counseling, a worksite monitor and Board monitoring.

Denice N. Smith, M.D., a 41-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Morrison, Illinois, and Clinton, Iowa, and currently practices in Rock Falls, Illinois, successfully completed the terms of probation on July 10, 2018. On October 28, 2013, Dr. Smith entered into a Consent Order with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (Illinois Board). The Illinois Board alleged that Dr. Smith surrendered her DEA Registration for cause based on her prescribing of controlled substances to several patients in her practice in Morrison, Illinois. The Illinois Board placed Dr. Smith on indefinite probation for a minimum of

one (1) year subject to Board monitoring, including a practice monitor, and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 fine. The Illinois Board also ordered her to complete continuing medical education for the proper prescribing of controlled substances and addiction disorders. On July 10, 2015, Dr. Smith entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Smith with being disciplined by the Illinois Board. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Smith a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty. The Iowa Board also prohibited her from prescribing, administering or dispensing narcotics for the treatment of chronic pain under her Iowa medical license and ordered her to successfully complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. The Iowa Board also placed Dr. Smith on probation for a period of three years subject to monitoring, including audits of her controlled substance prescribing. On July 10, 2018, Dr. Smith successfully completed the terms of her probation. However, Dr. Smith is prohibited from prescribing, administering or dispensing narcotics for the treatment of chronic pain under her Iowa medical license.

Richard A. Strickler, Jr., D.O., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices family medicine in Winterset, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on July 27, 2018. The Board alleged that Dr. Strickler violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate medical care to multiple patients in Winterset, Iowa, between 2013 and 2017. The Board alleged that Dr. Strickler failed to perform appropriate histories and physical examinations; failed order appropriate diagnostic testing; failed to adequately address and/or document his treatment of patients; prescribed excessive antibiotics for upper respiratory illness; failed to provide appropriate diagnosis and treatment of diabetes mellitus and urinary tract infections; and failed to maintain appropriate medical records. A hearing is scheduled on October 11-12, 2018.

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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