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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

**Sameer Gupta, M.D.**, a 47-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly operated vein clinics in multiple locations in Minnesota and currently operates a vein clinic in St. Joseph, Missouri, had a Statement of Charges filed by the Board on December 14, 2018. On June 12, 2017, Dr. Gupta entered into a Stipulation and Order for Voluntary Surrender with the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice (Minnesota Board). The Minnesota Board alleged that Dr. Gupta violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Minnesota when he engaged in unethical conduct; unprofessional conduct; fee splitting and abusive or fraudulent billing practices. The Minnesota Board alleged that Dr. Gupta improperly delegated the performance of patient evaluations and development of treatment plans to nurse practitioners and physician assistants without proper physician consultation and performed vein procedures without properly evaluating patients. The Minnesota Board alleged that Dr. Gupta improperly performed vein procedures on patients during multiple treatment sessions (unbundling) in order to bill at a higher reimbursement rate. The Minnesota Board alleged that Dr. Gupta performed excessive and unnecessary vein procedures. The Minnesota Board alleged that Dr. Gupta entered into a fee splitting arrangement with another clinic to fraudulently bill health insurers. Under the terms of the June 12, 2017, Stipulation and Order for Voluntary Surrender, Dr. Gupta voluntarily surrendered his Minnesota medical license to resolve the matter. Under the terms of the December 14, 2018, Statement of Charges, the Board alleged that Dr. Gupta violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he was disciplined by, and/or entered into a voluntary agreement with, the licensing authority of another state. A hearing is scheduled on February 22, 2019.

**Guillermo Sanabria, M.D.**, a 59-year-old physician who formerly practiced surgery in Rockledge, Florida, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board on December 14, 2018, and was granted a permanent Iowa medical license. On June 24, 2004, the Florida Board of Medicine (Florida Board) entered into a Consent Agreement with Dr. Sanabria. The Florida Board alleged that on or about June 12, 2003, Dr. Sanabria performed a wrong-site procedure when he misread a chest x-ray, incorrectly diagnosed a right pleural effusion and improperly placed a chest tube on the wrong side. The Florida Board issued Dr. Sanabria a Reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine and complete a medical records course, 5 hours of continuing medical education in the area of medical ethics and 200 hours of community service. Under the terms of the December 14, 2018, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Sanabria a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Florida Board.

**Thomas J. Snyder, D.O.**, a 68-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices internal medicine in Bettendorf, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on December 14, 2018. The Board alleged that Dr. Snyder failed to provide appropriate medical care to multiple patients in Bettendorf, Iowa, between 2002 and 2015, including failing to provide appropriate chronic pain management to multiple patients. Under the terms of the December 14, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Snyder a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain. Dr. Snyder also agreed to complete a Board-approved comprehensive clinical competency evaluation and medical record keeping course. The Board also placed Dr. Snyder on probation for a period of five years subject to prescribing audits and a practice monitoring plan.

**Barry J. Waack, D.O.**, a 53-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices emergency medicine in Dubuque, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on December 14, 2018. The Board alleged Dr. Waack violated appropriate professional boundaries, engaged in improper prescribing and failed to establish an appropriate physician-patient relationship, including failing to perform appropriate examinations and failing to maintain appropriate medical records, in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. The Board alleged Dr. Waack prescribed multiple medications including antibiotics, a corticosteroid and an antidepressant, and completed a Medical Examination Report that was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, for a subordinate female coworker with whom he was having a sexual relationship, without establishing an appropriate physician-patient relationship, including failing to perform appropriate examinations and failing to maintain appropriate medical records, in Dubuque, Iowa, between October 2015 and February 2016. At the direction of the Board, Dr. Waack completed a comprehensive professional boundaries evaluation on June 7-10, 2018. Under the terms of the December 14, 2018, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Waack a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. Dr. Waack also agreed to complete a Board-approved professional boundaries program. The Board also placed Dr. Waack on probation for a period of three years subject to professional boundaries counseling and Board monitoring.

**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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