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

Richard L. Lawton, M.D., a 55-year-old physician who formerly practiced orthopedic surgery in Durango, Colorado, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board on February 8, 2019. On January 15, 2019, Dr. Lawton entered into a Stipulation and Final Agency Order with the Colorado Medical Board (Colorado Board). The Colorado Board alleged that Dr. Lawton performed a non-emergent surgery on a family member on January 5, 2018, and listed another physician as the primary surgeon and himself as the secondary surgeon in his operative note, although no other surgeon was present during the procedure. The Colorado Board also alleged that Dr. Lawton previously performed four surgeries on his family members between 2012 and 2016 and listed another surgeon as the primary surgeon in his notes for those procedures instead of himself. The Colorado Board issued Dr. Lawton a Letter of Admonition and placed him on probation until he successfully completes a professional ethics program. Under the terms of the February 8, 2019, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Lawton an Iowa medical license, issued him Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay \$2,500 civil penalty for being disciplined by the Colorado Board.

Alan J. Schenne, D.O., a 53-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Mapleton, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 8, 2019. The Board alleged that Dr. Schenne engaged in sexual misconduct when he sent sexually suggestive text messages to, and engaged in sexual relations with, a female co-worker for whom he also provided medical care, in Mapleton, Iowa. The Board also alleged that Dr. Schenne engaged in sexual harassment in Mapleton, Iowa, when he sent sexually suggestive text messages to two female co-workers and the text messages made the female co-workers uncomfortable. Under the terms of the February 8, 2019, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Schenne a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and Dr. Schenne voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

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.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: Consumers can submit complaints against physicians by clicking [HERE](#), visiting the Board's Website at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, calling (515) 281-5847, or mail to 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309.