

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(March 14, 2013)

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

Keith O. Bodrero, D.O., a 67-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices general medicine in Colorado Springs, Colorado, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 8, 2013. The Board charged Dr. Bodrero with being disciplined by another state licensing authority. On April 8, 2010, Dr. Bodrero entered into a Stipulation and Final Agency Order with the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners (Colorado Board). The Colorado Board determined that Dr. Bodrero provided a patient with an inadequate informed consent form relating to alternative medicine and failed to refer the patient to a cardiologist and neurologist when her symptoms necessitated such referral between July 2007 and January 2008. On May 27-28, 2010, Dr. Bodrero completed a comprehensive clinical competency evaluation at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) in Denver, Colorado. CPEP identified deficiencies in Dr. Bodrero's medical knowledge, clinical judgment and reasoning, patient care documentation, and communication. The Colorado Board issued Dr. Bodrero a Letter of Admonition and ordered him to complete a supervised education program under the direction of CPEP. On April 10, 2012, the Colorado Board terminated the terms of the Stipulation and Final Agency Order and restored his Colorado medical license to active unrestricted status. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Bodrero a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Colorado Board.

Lee O. Fagre, D.O., a 57-year-old physician who practices family medicine in Waverly, Iowa, had the terms of his probation for substance abuse terminated by the Board on February 11, 2013. On March 18, 1992, the Board placed Dr. Fagre on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and Board monitoring for substance abuse. The terms of probation were terminated on March 15, 1996. On February 11, 2008, the Board again placed Dr. Fagre on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and Board monitoring for substance abuse. The Board subsequently received information which raised concerns that he engaged in a pattern of professional incompetency in the practice of medicine in Iowa. On October 21, 2009, Dr. Fagre entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Fagre with professional incompetency. The Board issued Dr. Fagre a Citation and Warning and Dr. Fagre agreed not to practice obstetrics unless he receives prior written approval from the Board after demonstrating that he is safe to return to the practice of obstetrics. The Board placed Dr. Fagre on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring for professional incompetency. Dr. Fagre was also required to successfully complete a supervised education program. On February 11, 2013, Dr. Fagre successfully completed the terms of his probation for substance abuse. Dr. Fagre remains on probation for professional incompetency.

James R. Frede, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Kahului, Hawaii, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 8, 2013. The Board charged Dr. Frede with being disciplined by another state licensing authority. On May 14, 2012, Dr. Frede entered into a

Consent Order with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (Illinois Board). The Illinois Board charged Dr. Frede with inappropriately issuing prescriptions for non-controlled substances for patients over the internet without establishing an appropriate physician-patient relationship. The Illinois Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Frede's Illinois medical license. Dr. Frede was subsequently disciplined by Utah, Missouri, Maine, Washington, California and North Carolina based on the Illinois disciplinary action. Dr. Frede surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve the Iowa Board's disciplinary matter.

Kevin W. Hamburger, M.D., a 50-year-old physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Sioux City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 8, 2013. The Board charged Dr. Hamburger with performing the wrong procedure on a patient. On July 29, 2011, Dr. Hamburger inadvertently removed a 29-year-old patient's healthy ovaries while performing a total vaginal hysterectomy, despite the patient's desire to keep her ovaries. Dr. Hamburger acknowledged the mistake and apologized for the error. The Board issued Dr. Hamburger a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty and submit a written corrective action plan describing the steps he has taken to avoid such errors in the future.

Stephen E. Sparks, M.D., a 58-year-old physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Bloomfield, Iowa, and currently practices in Ft. Madison, Iowa, had the terms of his probation terminated by the Board on February 11, 2013. On March 10, 1987, the Board placed Dr. Sparks on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and Board monitoring for substance abuse. Dr. Sparks successfully completed the terms of probation on March 10, 1992. On April 25, 2003, the Board placed Dr. Sparks on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and Board monitoring for substance abuse. Dr. Sparks successfully completed the terms of probation on April 25, 2008. On April 2, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Sparks with engaging in a pattern of unethical or unprofessional conduct and sexual misconduct in the practice of medicine when he made inappropriate sexual comments to female co-workers and patients on numerous occasions and engaged in sexual relationships with one or more female patients. On February 11, 2011, Dr. Sparks entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. The Board issued Dr. Sparks a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also restricted Dr. Sparks to a Board-approved practice setting and ordered him to complete a Board-approved professional boundary evaluation and education program. The Board also placed Dr. Sparks on probation for a period of two years subject to counseling and Board monitoring. Dr. Sparks successfully completed the terms of probation on February 11, 2013.

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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