



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

Jeffery L. Allyn, M.D., a 63-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced medicine in Iowa, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on June 3, 2021. Dr. Allyn was granted an Iowa medical license on July 3, 1986, and that license expired on November 1, 2013. On April 20, 2020, Dr. Allyn submitted an application for a new Iowa medical license. At that time, Dr. Allyn had not engaged in the practice of medicine in the United States or Canada in over three years and the Board instructed Dr. Allyn to complete a Board-approved clinical competency evaluation. On June 3, 2021, the Board reviewed the evaluation report and voted to issue Dr. Allyn an Iowa medical license subject to the terms of a Consent Agreement. Under the terms of the June 3, 2021, Consent Agreement, Dr. Allyn agreed to complete the recommendations in the evaluation report, including: participate in a point-of-care (PoC) experience, establish an educational preceptor and engage in continuing medical education and self-study.

Richard C. Blunk M.D. a 44-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices pediatrics in Davenport, Iowa, had a Termination Order issued by the Board on June 3, 2021. On June 3, 2016, Dr. Blunk entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. Blunk engaged sexual misconduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Dr. Blunk voluntarily completed a comprehensive sexual misconduct evaluation and treatment. Under the terms of the June 3, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Blunk a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also placed Dr. Blunk on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. On June 3, 2021, Dr. Blunk successfully completed the terms of his Board Order. The Board issued a Termination Order, terminating the terms of Dr. Blunk's Board Order and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

Derek J. Ellingson, D.O. a 42-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices pathology in Iowa City, Iowa, had a Termination Order issued by the Board on June 3, 2021. On June 30, 2020, Dr. Ellingson entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board and was granted an Iowa medical license. The Board received information which indicates that Dr. Ellingson was subject to discipline by, and later terminated from, his employment with Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage, Alaska. The information indicates that Dr. Ellingson's privileges at the ANMC were suspended on July 16, 2019. A review

of Dr. Ellingson's performance revealed issues with patient care, errors in diagnosis and tumor measurement, and errors in documentation. Dr. Ellingson was later terminated in September 2019. Under the terms of the June 30, 2020, Consent Agreement, the Board granted Dr. Ellingson an Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning and ordered him to participate in a Board monitoring program. On June 3, 2021, the Board determined that Dr. Ellingson successfully completed the terms of the Consent Agreement. The Board issued a Termination Order, terminating the terms of Dr. Ellingson's Board Order and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

[Susannah P. Friemel, M.D.](#), a 46-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices internal medicine in Davenport, Iowa, had a Termination Order issued by the Board on June 3, 2021. On August 28, 2020, Dr. Friemel entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. Friemel prescribed controlled substances to her live-in romantic partner between 2015 and 2017, for a non-acute and non-emergent condition in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the August 28, 2020, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Friemel a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. On June 3, 2021, the Board determined that Dr. Friemel successfully completed the terms of her Board Order. The Board issued a Termination Order, terminating the terms of Dr. Friemel's Board Order and her Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

[Ted P. George D.O.](#), a 66-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Pocahontas, Iowa, had an Amended Order issued by the Board on June 3, 2021. On May 15, 2020, Dr. George entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. George failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in Pocahontas, Iowa, between 2015 and 2019, in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the May 15, 2020, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. George a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. The Board also prohibited Dr. George from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain under his Iowa medical license. The Board also ordered Dr. George to successfully complete a Board-approved record keeping course and to participate in audits of his controlled substance prescribing for a period of two years. On June 3, 2021, the Board voted to issue an Amended Order terminating the prohibition preventing Dr. George from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain under his Iowa medical license. The Board shall continue to audit Dr. George's controlled substance prescribing.

[Laura M.L. Parkinson, L.Ac.](#), a 43-year-old Iowa-licensed acupuncturist who practices acupuncture in Ankeny, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 3, 2021. The Board alleged that Ms. Parkinson engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a current patient while acting as an acupuncturist within the scope of Ms. Parkinson's practice and abrogated the boundaries of acceptable conduct in the practice of acupuncture. Under the terms of the June 3, 2021, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Ms. Parkinson a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.

Jason A. Rexroth, M.D., a 49-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 3, 2021. The Board alleged that on April 30, 2019, Dr. Rexroth engaged in professional incompetency when he prepared a patient for surgery and placed the patient under anesthesia, and then left to treat another patient who was in labor at a separate facility, leaving the first patient under anesthesia for 23 minutes in the absence of another attending surgeon before returning to begin the surgery. Under the terms of the June 3, 2021, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Rexroth a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty.

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