



**MAIL OR FAX FORMS TO:**

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
400 SW EIGHTH STREET SUITE C  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309  
FAX: 515-281-8641

**COMPLAINT FORM**

One of the most important ways the Iowa Board of Medicine protects consumers is by investigating their complaints against physicians. This form helps the Board collect basic information to review your complaint. For an explanation of the complaint investigation process, please call the Board's Enforcement Division, 515-281-5847, or visit the Board's website, [www.medicalboard.iowa.gov](http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov). Please provide the following information so that the Board can acknowledge receipt of your complaint and contact you should additional information be needed:

**TODAY'S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)*

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYTIME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(AREA CODE)*

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT INFORMATION**

**NOTE: If you are not the patient, please provide the following information:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)*

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYTIME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(AREA CODE)*

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT'S DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(MONTH/DAY/YEAR)*

**PATIENT'S GENDER:**

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Third gender
- Transgender
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to say

**PATIENT'S RACE:**

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native American or Alaska Native
- White or Caucasian
- Multiracial or Biracial
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP OF COMPLAINANT TO PATIENT:**

- Patient
- Spouse
- Relative (*SPECIFY*): \_\_\_\_\_
- No Relation

NAME OF CLINIC/HOSPITAL WHERE CARE OCCURRED

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PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Please provide the following information about the physician(s) who is the subject of your complaint:

1. **PHYSICIAN'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(First & Last)

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(AREA CODE)

2. **PHYSICIAN'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(First & Last)

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(AREA CODE)

3. **PHYSICIAN'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(First & Last)

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(AREA CODE)

## COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Please describe complaint, including dates and issues. (Use additional pages if necessary and add copies of records if available.)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPLAINT

1. Did you discuss the complaint with the physician?  Yes  No

Explain:

2. Did you obtain an opinion from another physician about your complaint?

Yes  No

Explain:

3. Have you contacted another regulatory agency or an attorney about your complaint?  Yes  No

Explain:

4. Do you have/did you have a professional relationship (business, employment, etc.) with the physician?  Yes  No

Explain:

5. Do you have/did you have a personal relationship with the physician?

Yes  No

Explain:

## **YOUR EXPECTATIONS**

**What would you like the Iowa Board of Medicine to do about your complaint?**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**  
**(Iowa Board of Medicine)**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_.

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby authorize the release of my personally identifiable protected health information to the Iowa Board of Medicine (IBM) for use in a confidential investigation being conducted by the IBM. This authorization includes records of a public, private or confidential nature, including the following:

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|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History & Physical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operative Report |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessment/Evaluation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treatment Summary  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social History   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discharge Summary     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lab, X-ray, EKG    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pathology Report |

I understand that I may revoke this release in writing at any time, except to the extent that the IBM has already taken action in reliance upon this release. I understand that this release shall remain valid for the duration of the IBM investigation unless revoked by me. I understand that I have a right to inspect the information to be disclosed upon proper notification to and under appropriate conditions as established by the IBM. I understand that my authorization is voluntary and that my health care will not be affected if I do not sign this form. I acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of this authorization.

**SPECIFIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION PROTECTED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW I specifically authorize the release of protected health information relating to:**

(Please check appropriate boxes)

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|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug and Alcohol Abuse Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS Test Results |
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**I have read and fully understand the contents of this "Authorization to Release Information."**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Patient or Patient's Authorized Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**PROHIBITION ON REDISCLOSURE**

This form does not authorize re-disclosure of medical information beyond the limits of this consent. Where information has been disclosed from records protected by federal law for alcohol/drug abuse records or by state law for mental health records, federal requirements (42 C.F.R. Part 2) and state requirements (Iowa Code Ch. 228) prohibit further disclosure without the specific written consent of the patient except as otherwise permitted by such law and/or regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is not sufficient for these purposes. Civil and/or criminal penalties may attach for unauthorized disclosure of alcohol/drug abuse or mental health information.

**A photocopy/reproduction of this authorization shall have the same force and effect as the original.**