



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

[Daniel J. Baldi, D.O.](#), a 59-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices anesthesiology in the Des Moines area, had a Termination Order issued by the Board on January 27, 2022. On August 23, 2012, the Board filed a Statement of Charges against Dr. Baldi alleging that he engaged in improper prescribing, improper pain management and unethical or unprofessional conduct, placing patients at risk of serious harm, when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to numerous patients in Des Moines, Iowa, between 2004 and 2012, in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine. On September 21, 2012, Dr. Baldi entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board. Dr. Baldi agreed not to engage in any aspect of the practice of medicine until this matter is resolved. On October 28, 2016, Dr. Baldi entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board and the Board issued Dr. Baldi a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also permanently prohibited Dr. Baldi from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain. The Board lifted the suspension of Dr. Baldi's Iowa medical license and required him to successfully complete a Board-approved remediation program to demonstrate his medical competency. The Board also ordered him to complete a Board-approved professional ethics program and medical record keeping course. The Board also placed Dr. Baldi on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring including a Board-approved practice plan, controlled substance prescribing audits and a Board-approved practice monitoring plan. On July 27, 2018, the Board issued an Amended Order and Dr. Baldi agreed that he would only practice general anesthesia in a Board-approved practice setting and he would not engage in any other area of the practice of medicine under his Iowa medical license. The Board also began auditing Dr. Baldi's medical practice to ensure that he fully complies with the terms of the Amended Order. On January 27, 2022, the Board determined that Dr. Baldi successfully completed the terms of his Board order and voted to issue a Termination Order and the terms of Dr. Baldi's Board order are terminated and his Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

[Ronald S. Bergman, D.O.](#), a 73-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices plastic and reconstructive surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on January 27, 2022. The Board alleged that Dr. Bergman demonstrated evidence of neurological impairment that may interfere with his ability to safely practice plastic and reconstructive surgery. The Board also alleged that Dr. Bergman engaged in unprofessional conduct when he sent

inappropriate text messages to an employee. Under the terms of the January 27, 2022, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Bergman a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional boundaries course. The Board also placed a surgery limitation on Dr. Bergman's plastic and reconstructive surgery practice and placed him on probation for a period of one year subject to Board monitoring.

Dennis E. Colby, D.O., a 67-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Belmond, Iowa, had an Amended Order issued by the Board on January 27, 2022. On March 11, 2021, the Board filed a Statement of Charges against Dr. Colby alleging that on January 9, 2021, Dr. Colby entered into Stipulation and Order for Voluntary Surrender of his Minnesota medical license with the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. The Order indicates that the Minnesota Board's investigation revealed concerns with Dr. Colby's patient care, documentation, and prescribing practices. A contested case hearing was held before the Board on July 23, 2021. On September 30, 2021, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, Decision and Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Colby entered into Stipulation and Order for Voluntary Surrender of his Minnesota medical license with the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa on January 9, 2021. The Board issued Dr. Colby a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. The Board also prohibited Dr. Colby from prescribing or administering controlled substances and placed Dr. Colby on probation for a period of three years. On January 27, 2022, the Board voted to allow Dr. Colby to prescribe or administer controlled substances for the treatment of acute pain under his Iowa medical license. All other provisions contained in the September 30, 2021, Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, Decision and Order remain in effect.

Richard L. Dowell, D.O., a 56-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices obstetrics and gynecology in Kansas City, Missouri, had a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order issued by the Iowa Board on January 27, 2022. On December 20, 2019, the Board filed a Statement of Charges against Dr. Dowell alleging that he failed to appropriately maintain and transfer patient medical records after he closed his Iowa medical practice in September 2018. The Board also alleged that Dr. Dowell failed to respond to, or comply with, the Board's investigation in the matter. On October 23, 2020, Dr. Dowell entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. Under the terms of the October 23, 2020, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Dowell a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay \$7,500 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Dowell to complete a Board-approved record-keeping course and submit a written corrective action plan detailing the steps he has taken to address the Board's medical record-keeping concerns. On August 19, 2021, the Board filed a new Statement of Charges alleging that Dr. Dowell failed to comply with the terms of the October 23, 2020, Settlement Agreement. A contested case hearing was held before the Board on December 10, 2021. Under the terms of the January 27, 2022, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order, the Board determined that Dr. Dowell failed to comply with the terms of the October 23, 2020, Settlement Agreement and the Board suspended Dr. Dowell's Iowa medical license until he fully complies with the terms of the October 23, 2020, Settlement Agreement.

Arthur P. Fine, M.D., a 66-year-old Iowa licensed physician who practices surgery in Huntington, West Virginia, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board on January 27, 2022. On September 30, 2021, the Iowa Board filed a Statement of Charges alleging that Dr. Fine entered into a Consent Agreement with the West Virginia Board of

Medicine for engaging in improper prescribing without maintaining medical records on September 4, 2020. Specifically, Dr. Fine prescribed controlled substances to two individuals on a regular basis without maintaining proper medical records or documenting a treatment plan. The West Virginia Board reprimanded Dr. Fine and ordered him to complete additional training and education for prescribing controlled substances. Dr. Fine was subsequently disciplined in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and New Hampshire. Dr. Fine failed to report this action to the Iowa Board within thirty days of the final order. Under the terms of the January 27, 2022, Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Fine a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty.

Nisreen Yaghmour, M.D., a 37-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices cardiovascular medicine in Ottumwa, Iowa, had a Second Amended Consent Agreement issued by the Board on January 27, 2022. On May 2, 2020, Dr. Yaghmour submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license and the Board received information which indicates that on August 13, 2018, Dr. Yaghmour was granted privileges and medical staff membership in the specialty of cardiovascular disease at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center ("Saint Mary's") in Reno, Nevada. On February 8, 2019, Saint Mary's temporarily suspended Dr. Yaghmour's privileges, and on February 20, 2019, placed restrictions on Dr. Yaghmour's clinical privileges due to substandard or inadequate care. The restrictions required proctoring of Dr. Yaghmour's next five (5) clinical cardiac electrophysiology cases. To date, for various reasons offered by Dr. Yaghmour, she has yet to complete the required proctored cases. On November 10, 2020, the Board issued Dr. Yaghmour a permanent Iowa medical license subject to a Consent Agreement. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement the license granted to Dr. Yaghmour was restricted to the performance of five (5) proctored clinical cardiac electrophysiology cases. Prior to completing these cases, Dr. Yaghmour was required to submit the proposed proctor(s) and facility/facilities where the cases are to occur for prior approval by the Board. Dr. Yaghmour was required to provide the medical records relating to the cases, as well as proctor reports if any, to the Board for review, after which the Board would consider lifting this restriction or taking other action as appropriate. On March 2, 2021, at the request of the Dr. Yaghmour, the Board issued an Amended Consent Agreement. Under the terms of the Amended Consent Agreement Dr. Yaghmour agreed that she shall not perform clinical cardiac electrophysiology procedures under her Iowa medical license. On January 27, 2022, the Board voted to issue a Second Amended Consent Agreement. Under the terms of the Second Amended Consent Agreement, the first five clinical cardiac electrophysiology cases performed by Dr. Yaghmour must be proctored by a Board-approved proctor. Prior to completing these cases, Dr. Yaghmour must provide the medical records relating to the cases to the Board for review. Following the completion of the five cases, the proctor shall submit a report to the Board, after which the Board will consider lifting this restriction or taking other action as appropriate.

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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