

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

Douglas T. Cody, M.D., a 43 year-old otolaryngologist who practices in Clinton, Iowa, had a Final Decision issued by the Board. On November 10, 2005, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Cody alleging that he failed to perform appropriate testing on patients, failed to provide appropriate post-operative care to patients, and he closed his medical office without providing appropriate notice to patients and without arranging for ongoing care. The Board held an evidentiary hearing on June 18 and 19, 2007, and issued a proposed panel decision on July 31, 2007. Dr. Cody and the State each appealed the proposed panel decision. The Board held an appeal hearing on January 16, 2008, and issued a Final Decision on January 28, 2008. The Board concluded that Dr. Cody closed his medical practice without providing proper notice to patients, failed to provide appropriate treatment to numerous patients and engaged in a pattern of disruptive behavior in his medical practice. Under the Final Decision, Dr. Cody's Iowa medical license is suspended, however, the suspension is stayed and will not take affect if he successfully completes a Board-approved disruptive physician evaluation, submits a practice improvement plan and completes a Board-approved record keeping course within sixty (60) days. Dr. Cody was also placed on probation subject to certain terms and conditions, ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine, and issued a public reprimand.

Wei Li, M.D., a 51 year-old physician who formerly practiced emergency medicine in Dewitt, Iowa, had a Final Decision issued by the Board. On August 25, 2005, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Li alleging that he failed to provide appropriate care and treatment to several patients who presented in the emergency room. The Board held an evidentiary hearing on May 15, 2007, and issued a proposed panel decision on June 15, 2007. Dr. Li appealed the proposed panel decision. The Board held an appeal hearing on January 16, 2008, and issued a Final Decision on January 28, 2008. The Board concluded that Dr. Li demonstrated failed to provide appropriate treatment to numerous patients. Under the Final Decision, Dr. Li's Iowa medical license is indefinitely suspended. The Board will only consider lifting the suspension if Dr. Li successfully completes a Board-approved remediation program.

Lynn A. Lyons, D.O., a 47 year-old urologist who formerly practiced in Fort Dodge, Iowa, had a Final Decision issued by the Board. On August 12, 2005, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges filed against Dr. Lyons alleging that he failed to provide appropriate care and treatment to a young patient, which resulted in severe long-term health problems. The Board held an evidentiary hearing on February 16, 2007, and issued a proposed panel decision on April 19, 2007. Dr. Lyons appealed the proposed panel decision. The Board held an appeal hearing on January 16, 2008, and issued a Final Decision on January 28, 2008. The Board concluded that Dr. Lyons' failed to provide appropriate treatment to a single patient and his care constituted a substantial deviation from the standard of care. Under the Final Decision, Dr. Lyons' Iowa medical license is suspended for ninety (90) days and he is prohibited from using Capsaicin in the practice of urology. Upon completion of the ninety day suspension, Dr. Lyons shall be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to certain terms and conditions. Dr. Lyons also received a public reprimand and was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Jeffrey L. Piccirillo, D.O., a 45 year-old orthopedic surgeon practicing in Grinnell, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On January 28, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Piccirillo with failure to provide appropriate care and treatment to numerous patients. The Board alleges that Dr. Piccirillo failed to demonstrate necessary surgical skills, failed to demonstrate necessary clinical judgment, failed to provide proper surgical treatment, failed to maintain appropriate medical records, and failed to provide appropriate pre-operative and post-operative care to patients. A hearing is scheduled on March 26, 2008.

Gurcharan S. Randhawa, M.D., a 59 year-old internist who practices in Sigourney, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On January 28, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Randhawa with demonstrating a pattern of professional incompetency in his medical practice, including his medical knowledge, clinical judgment and medical record keeping. The Board also alleges that Dr. Randhawa suffers from a physical or mental condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. A hearing is scheduled for March 26, 2008.