

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

Stephani J. Amstadter, M.D., a 44 year-old Iowa-licensed family physician from St. Augustine, Florida, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. On September 18, 2004, Dr. Amstadter entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for mental health monitoring. The IPHP referred Dr. Amstadter to the Board after determining that she violated the terms of her IPHP Contract when she repeatedly failed to inform the IPHP of her practice locations. On July 24, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Amstadter for violating the terms and conditions of her Physician Health Contract. Under the terms of the February 12, 2009, Settlement Agreement, the Board placed Dr. Amstadter on probation subject to mental health monitoring for a period of five years, issued a public reprimand and ordered her to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Damon C. Davis, M.D., a 38 year-old internist from Phoenix, Arizona, was granted an Iowa medical license subject to a Consent Agreement issued by the Board. On April 10, 2008, Dr. Davis received a Letter of Reprimand from the Arizona Medical Board for failing to personally evaluate a patient despite being notified of the patient's deteriorating condition and for failing to follow-up on an abnormal CT scan that he ordered. On February 20, 2009, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Davis a permanent Iowa medical license and issued a public reprimand for being disciplined by the Arizona Board for failing to provide appropriate care and treatment to a single patient.

Carmen A. Foster, M.D., a 39 year-old Iowa-licensed ophthalmologist who practices in Robins, Iowa, had a Final Order issued by the Board. On October 31, 2006, the Board filed charges against Dr. Foster alleging that she failed to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine and surgery in the state of Iowa and she engaged in practice harmful or detrimental to the public. A hearing was held before a panel of the Board on September 23, 2008. A Proposed Decision of the Panel was issued on December 1, 2008, dismissing all of the charges against Dr. Foster. The panel concluded that the State failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Dr. Foster violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. No appeal was filed and the Board issued a Final Order accepting the Proposed Decision of the Panel on January 7, 2009.

Lynette I. Iles, M.D., a 44 year-old family physician who practices medicine in Washington, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Iles for failing to provide appropriate care and treatment to patients with chronic pain and failing to maintain appropriate professional boundaries with patients. Dr. Iles voluntarily completed over thirty credit hours of continuing medical education for the appropriate treatment of patients with chronic pain and maintaining appropriate professional boundaries with patients. Additionally, Dr. Iles has agreed to be monitored by the Iowa Physician Health Program. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board placed Dr. Iles on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and monitoring of her treatment of chronic pain patients and professional boundaries and she was issued a public reprimand.

Mary A. Ourada, M.D., a 49 year-old physician who practices family medicine in Logan, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Ourada with inappropriately prescribing medications to an individual without performing proper examinations and without maintaining proper medical records. On September 11-12, 2008, Dr. Ourada completed a Board-approved program for Medical Ethics, Boundaries and Professionalism. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Ourada a public reprimand and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 fine.

Jeffrey L. Piccirillo, M.D., a 46 year-old physician who formerly practiced orthopedic surgery in Grinnell, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. On January 28, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Piccirillo with professional incompetency and practice harmful or detrimental to the public in his surgical practice. Dr. Piccirillo completed a mental health assessment and the Board concluded that he may practice medicine subject to appropriate counseling and monitoring. Under the terms of the February 12, 2009, Settlement Agreement, Dr. Piccirillo is prohibited from practicing surgery and he may only practice medicine subject to a Board-approved practice plan which limits the areas of practice and the services provided. Dr. Piccirillo was placed on indefinite probation subject to counseling and monitoring of his medical practice and his mental health and he was issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine.

Sally M. Pinnick, M.D., a 54 year-old physician who practices family medicine in Windsor Heights, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Pinnick with failure to maintain timely, accurate and complete medical records and failure to appropriately respond to a Board investigation. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Pinnick is prohibited from practicing medicine until further order of the Board with the exception of completing delinquent medical records. The Board also issued Dr. Pinnick a public reprimand and ordered her to pay a \$1,000 fine.

N. John Prevo, D.O., a 52 year-old physician who practices occupational medicine in West Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Prevo with violating a Physician Health Contract that he entered into with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP), and suffering from substance abuse and a health condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. A hearing has been scheduled on March 25, 2009.

John E. Reinertson, M.D., a 60 year-old physician who practices family medicine in Marshalltown, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Reinertson with failing to report possible child abuse and failing to document his concerns about signs of possible child abuse in the patient's medical record. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Reinertson is required to complete additional training for child abuse recognition and reporting and medical record keeping. The Board also issued Dr. Reinertson a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Wayne, L. Robinson, M.D., a 75 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Irvine, California, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Robinson for being disciplined by another state licensing board and for engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. On February 28, 2006, the Medical Board of California charged Dr. Robinson with participating in a system of weight loss clinics in California where he: conspired with unlicensed persons to violate California law; aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine in California; violated the corporate practice of medicine statute in California; inappropriately received consideration for patient referrals; used false or misleading advertising; inappropriately employed persons to procure patients; and disseminated false information in the practice of medicine. On September 6, 2007, Dr. Robinson entered into a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and his California medical license was revoked, the revocation was stayed, and he was placed on probation for a period of four years subject to certain terms and conditions effective February 22, 2008. A hearing before the Iowa Board has been scheduled on March 25, 2009.

Paul J. Samo, M.D., a 42 year-old Iowa-licensed psychiatrist who formerly practiced in Grundy Center, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Iowa Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Samo for being disciplined by another state medical board, suffering from a health condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine and engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Dr. Samo is being treated for physical and mental health conditions. The Board also alleges that Dr. Samo made inappropriate romantic advances toward a female psychiatric patient that he treated and that his inappropriate contacts had a negative impact on her mental health. On December 10, 2008, the Wisconsin Medical Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Samo's Wisconsin medical license due to concerns about his health and for unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. A hearing before the Iowa Board has been scheduled on March 25, 2009.

Kenneth P. Schultheis, D.O., a 67 year-old emergency medicine physician from Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On February 12, 2009, the Board charged Dr. Schultheis with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa for: failing to demonstrate appropriate training and experience in dermatology to supervise physician assistants who provide such services; failing to provide appropriate supervision to physician assistants under his supervision; inappropriately permitted physician assistants under his supervision to perform dermatologic skin care services without determining whether the physician assistants were competent to perform the services; and failing to ensure proper treatment and documentation for numerous patients. A hearing has been scheduled on March 25, 2009.