

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Laura Christensen, L.Ac.**, a 45 year-old acupuncturist from Iowa City, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against her Iowa acupuncture license. The Board charged Ms. Christensen with having disciplinary action taken against her Iowa behavioral science license. On July 13, 2003, the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science Examiners indefinitely suspended Ms. Christensen's Iowa behavioral science license after determining that she engaged in inappropriate financial relationships with clients and inappropriately disclosed confidential client information in violation of Iowa law. The Medical Board has scheduled a disciplinary hearing for December 7, 2005.

**Gerald G. Davies, M.D.**, a 55 year-old physician who formerly practiced anesthesiology in Davenport, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. The Board charged Dr. Davies with professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public when he failed to provide appropriate anesthesia care to several patients. Dr. Davies has not practiced medicine in Iowa for years, his Iowa medical license has expired and he does not intend to return to the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Davies was issued a Citation and Warning for failing to provide appropriate anesthesia care to several patients and he must successfully complete a comprehensive competency evaluation at a Board-approved evaluation program prior to seeking reactivation of his Iowa medical license.

**Michael Longstreet, M.D.**, a 61 year-old physician who formerly practiced orthopedic surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Longstreet with violating the terms of a contract that he entered into with the Board's Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP). On June 9, 2003, Dr. Longstreet reported a possible impairment to the IPHP due to a history of mental health problems. On June 11, 2003, Dr. Longstreet entered into a Physician Health Contract with the IPHP to monitor him and he agreed to fully comply with numerous monitoring requirements. Dr. Longstreet has discontinued compliance with, and is in violation of, the terms of the Physician Health Contract. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2005.

**Lynn A. Lyons, D.O.**, a 45 year-old physician who formerly practiced urology in Fort Dodge, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Lyons with professional incompetency when he failed to provide appropriate care and treatment to a young patient, which resulted in severe long-term health problems. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2005.

**Dale T. Mericle, M.D.**, a 65 year-old physician currently living in Reno, Nevada, had formal disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Mericle with being denied a medical license by the State of Nevada. The Nevada Medical Board denied Dr. Mericle's application for a Nevada medical license after determining that he attempted to obtain the license by fraud or misrepresentation in violation of Nevada law. The Nevada Board concluded that Dr. Mericle failed to disclose the fact that he had been investigated by the California Medical Board, he was required to complete a psychiatric evaluation, and that he had been the subject of twenty-two malpractice claims while practicing medicine in California. Dr. Mericle has not practiced medicine in Iowa for many years. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled before the Iowa Board on December 7, 2005.

**Edward A. Steinmann, Jr., D.O.**, a 56 year-old physician from Des Moines, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On February 10, 2005, the Board filed disciplinary charges against Dr. Steinmann's Iowa medical license for engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient/co-worker in violation of professional boundaries. Dr. Steinmann was also charged with inappropriately continuing treatment of the patient's/co-worker's family members after he began the inappropriate sexual relationship with the patient/co-worker. Dr. Steinmann successfully completed a professional sexual misconduct evaluation and treatment. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Steinmann was issued a Citation and Warning for engaging in sexual misconduct, he was ordered to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and his license was placed on probation, subject to certain monitoring conditions, for a period of five years.

**John F. Woods, D.O.**, a 60 year-old physician who practices in West Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Woods with violating the terms of a contract that he entered into with the Board's Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP). On May 6, 2004, the Board received an evaluation report which identified concerns and recommended that Dr. Woods seek treatment from certain healthcare providers and that he be monitored by the Board. On September 23, 2004, Dr. Woods entered into a Physician Health Contract with the IPHP to monitor him and he agreed to fully comply with numerous monitoring requirements. Dr. Woods has discontinued compliance with, and is in violation of, the terms of the Physician Health Contract. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2005.