

State Board of Medical Examiners

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The Honorable Tom Slater, Chairman
The Honorable Thomas Swartz, Chairman
Senate and House Committees on State
Government
Iowa State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Senator Slater and Representative Swartz:

This report is submitted in compliance with Section 258A.4(2) of the Code of Iowa.

A. The Board of Medical Examiners filed its rules relating to the duties of the Board on November 29, 1978, and these rules became effective on March 29, 1979.

Administrative rules adopted in 1983 relating to the duties of the Board of Medical Examiners are as follows:

1. Health 470-135 (147 and 258A) "Medical Examiners". Rules provide for biennial licensure, renewal, and reporting of continuing medical education according to month and year of birth coincidental to odd-even years and adjusts fees accordingly. These rules also satisfy the requirements of multi year renewal of licenses. Effective date was April 28, 1983.
2. Health 470-135.102 and 108 (147) "Medical Examiners". Rules relative to the federation licensing examination (FLEX) define subversion and more clearly indicate Board actions in the event of subversion of the exam. This change also permits senior medical students from the University of Iowa and the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences to take the FLEX. Effective date was September 7, 1983.
3. Health 470-132.12 (147A) "Advanced Emergency Medical Care". Extended the date of the EMT-D pilot study program to December 31, 1984, and allows the training of certain individuals to use an automatic defibrillator. Results of manual and automatic defibrillation will be compared to determine the efficacy of the automatic device. This change also allows all authorized advanced care training programs to provide EMT-D manual training. Effective date was September 21, 1983.



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4. Health 470-135.110, 204 and 301 (17A, 147, 258A) "Medical Examiners". Rules set out procedures and requirements for re-instatement of lapsed licenses. The change also sets a maximum fee for reinstatement of a lapsed license. One portion of these rules allow the Board to review a decision or order of a hearing officer or three member panel provided all parties are notified of such action within thirty days of the motion to reconsider. Effective date of the rules was November 2, 1983.

B. Disciplinary Caseload

(1) Cases carried forward	
January 1, 1983 -----	476
(2) Cases opened during 1983 -----	385
(3) Cases closed during 1983 -----	425

C. Total number of cases open as of
January 1, 1984 ----- 436

D. Categories of complaints received during the year 1983.

Drug related -----	55
Alcohol related -----	2
Ethics and conduct -----	34
Competency -----	22
Mental problems -----	3
Notification from the Insurance Commissioner -----	221
License discipline from other states -----	12
Violation of probation -----	4
Practicing without a license -----	13
Background investigations -----	10
Miscellaneous -----	9
Total complaints received	385

E. Categories of complaints closed during calendar year 1983.

	Total Number Closed	No Action	Sanctions	Referred to Other Agencies
Drug related	71	15	55	1
Alcohol related	1	1	0	0
Ethics and conduct	27	17	10	0
Competency	46	42	4	0
Mental problems	2	1	1	0
Notification from Ins. Comm.	221	207	6	0 *
License Disc. other states	9	3	5	0 **
Violation of probation	2	0	2	0
Practice without a license	27	14	11	2
Background investigations	12	10	2	0
Miscellaneous	7	3	4	0
	425	313	100	3

* See note on following page

Note: * There were four duplicate insurance files opened by mistake.
 There were four insurance files closed when the physicians died.
 ** There was one license disciplinary file opened by mistake.

F. Peer Review Committee Disciplinary Actions -----	0
G. Judgements and settlements reviewed or investigated by the Board (Insurance Notifications) -----	221
H. Number of formal disciplinary proceedings commenced before the Board or Court -----	12
I. Number and type of sanctions imposed by the Board:	
1. Permanent injunction prohibiting the practice of medicine (District Court) -----	1
2. Indefinite suspension of license -----	3
3. Denial of license -----	3
4. Voluntary surrender of license -----	3
5. Five year probations -----	3
6. Three year probations -----	1
7. \$1000 fine and restricted practice -----	1
8. \$800 fine and restricted practice -----	1
9. Restricted practice -----	1
10. Letters of warning -----	83
	<u>100</u>
J. Number and status of appeals to District Court -----	0
K. Number and type of Peer Review Committees registered with the Board -----	0
L. Number of physicians who are in a probationary or restricted practice who function under the super- vision of the Board as of December 31, 1983 -----	23
M. Number of physician's assistants who are in a probationary or restricted practice who function under the supervision of the Board as of December 31, 1983 -----	1
N. Number of physicians who are under indefinite suspension as of December 31, 1983 -----	7

Respectfully submitted,

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 Executive Director

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