



**PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(February 23, 2022)**

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Emad M. Hasan, M.D., a 49-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced neurological surgery in Iowa City, Iowa, and currently practices neurological surgery in North Carolina entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 17, 2022. The Board alleged that on May 10, 2021, Dr. Hasan was to perform a frontotemporal craniotomy to resect a lesion on the hypothalamus in the center of the brain. The surgery was planned to be an approach from the right side of the patient's head, but Dr. Hasan instead performed the frontotemporal craniotomy approaching from the left side, contrary to plan. Due to the location of the lesion, surgery continued and was ultimately completed without complication. Under the terms of the February 17, 2022, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Hasan a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and submit a written corrective action plan describing the steps he has taken to avoid such errors in the future.

George B. Isaac, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices rheumatology in Dubuque, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 17, 2022. On December 15, 2017, the Board filed a Statement of Charges against Dr. Isaac alleging he failed to provide appropriate medical care to multiple patients in Dubuque, Iowa, between 2010 and 2015, when he prescribed medications such as Adderall, Dextroamphetamine, Meridia, and Nuvigil or Provigil to patients without documenting appropriate diagnoses and monitoring; failed to maintain accurate, complete and timely medical records for patients; treated patients who were receiving narcotics, sedatives/tranquilizers, muscle relaxants and antidepressants without discussing and/or documenting discussion of the potential risks, including potential drug interactions; treated patients who were receiving narcotics; sedatives/tranquilizers, muscle relaxants and antidepressants from other providers without coordinating and/or documenting the coordination of the patients' care with other providers; failed to explore and/or recommend available non-pharmacological treatment options for patients including, physical therapy; massage therapy; exercise; weight loss and surgical intervention; failed to provide appropriate chronic pain management to patients when he violated the standards of practice for appropriate pain management in Iowa including patient evaluations; treatment plans; informed consent; periodic review; consultation or referral, documentation, use of pain management agreements, comorbid conditions, drug testing and use of the Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program. Under the terms of the February 17, 2022, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Isaac a Citation and

Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also ordered Dr. Isaac to complete a Board-approved chronic pain management educational program and record keeping course. The Board also placed Dr. Isaac on a monitoring program for a period of two years subject to audits of his prescribing practices.

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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