

653—22.2 (272C) Mandatory reporting—wrongful acts or omissions.

22.2(1) Definitions. For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“Knowledge” means any information or evidence of reportable conduct acquired by personal observation, from a reliable or authoritative source, or under circumstances causing the licensee to believe that wrongful acts or omissions may have occurred.

“Reportable conduct” means wrongful acts or omissions that are grounds for license revocation or suspension under these rules or that otherwise constitute negligence, careless acts or omissions that demonstrate a licensee’s inability to practice medicine competently, safely, or within the bounds of medical ethics, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 272C.3(2) and 272C.4(6) and 653—Chapter 23.

22.2(2) Reporting requirement. A report shall be filed with the board when a licensee has knowledge as defined in this rule that another person licensed by the board may have engaged in reportable conduct.

a. The report shall be filed with the board no later than 30 days from the date the licensee acquires knowledge of the reportable conduct.

b. The report shall contain the name and address of the licensee who may have engaged in the reportable conduct; the date, time, place and circumstances in which the conduct occurred; and a statement explaining how knowledge of the reportable conduct was acquired.

c. The final determination of whether or not wrongful acts or omissions have occurred is the responsibility of the board.

d. A physician is not required to report confidential communication obtained from a physician in the course and as a result of a physician-patient relationship or when a state or federal statute prohibits such disclosure.

e. Failure to report a wrongful act or omission in accordance with this rule within the required 30-day period shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action against the licensee who failed to report.

f. A licensee shall not be civilly liable as a result of filing a report with the board so long as such report is not made with malice.