

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

BOARD OF MEDICINE

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www.medicalboard.iowa.gov

Kent M. Nebel, Executive Director

Physician members

Kyle Ulveling, Chair.....	Carroll	April 30, 2021
Warren Gall	Dubuque	April 30, 2020
Ronald Kolegraff	Milford	April 30, 2022
Joyce Vista-Wayne.....	Clive.....	April 30, 2022
Nikhil Wagle	Bettendorf	April 30, 2022
Brian Wilson	Spencer.....	April 30, 2020

Public members

Diane Cortese.....	Urbandale.....	April 30, 2022
Mary Jo Romano	Pleasantville	April 30, 2021

The Board of Medical Examiners was created by the General Assembly in 1886. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners was created by the General Assembly in 1921. These two agencies became a composite Board of Medical Examiners by action of the General Assembly in 1963. In 1994, the General Assembly gave the board the authority to register acupuncturists, and subsequently the licensure and regulation of acupuncturists when the law was changed in 2001. In 2007, the General Assembly changed the board's name to the Board of Medicine. Board members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms, with confirmation by the Senate. The board is composed of 10 members — five medical physicians, two osteopathic physicians, and three nonphysician public members. In addition, the board can have up to 10 alternate members who can serve on administrative panels in contested case hearings. The board has six or seven regularly scheduled meetings annually at its office at 400 Southwest Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines, and six or seven regularly scheduled teleconference meetings annually. The board is responsible for administering and enforcing state laws and administrative rules governing the licensure and practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and licensed acupuncturists. The board is funded exclusively with licensure fees. More information is available at the board's Internet site, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov.

The board issues licenses to medical physicians, osteopathic physicians, and acupuncturists who meet qualifications defined in Iowa law and administrative rules. The categories of medical licensure are resident, temporary, special, permanent, and administrative. The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensee discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints or liability claims, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of license discipline. The board is authorized to operate the Iowa Physician Health Program, a voluntary program for monitoring recovery and rehabilitation of impaired physicians. More information on this program is available at iphp.iowa.gov. The board may, if necessary, petition the district court for enforcement of its authority. The board registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report on the evaluation of certain complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions possibly constituting cause for licensee discipline. The board issues license renewals and certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions and determines requirements for continuing medical education.

The board is responsible for evaluating applications and issuing licenses to qualified acupuncturists. Persons who hold a valid Iowa license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry may engage in the practice of acupuncture without a license issued by the board.

As of August 2019, the board was administering approximately 13,992 active licenses for physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and acupuncturists.

Iowa is a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which establishes an expedited licensure process for qualified physicians who seek licensure in compact states.