

Medical Examiners, Iowa State Board of

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 RONALD V. SAF, executive director

The Board of Medical Examiners was created by the 21st General Assembly in 1886. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners was established in 1907. These two agencies became a composite Board of Medical Examiners by action of the 60th General Assembly, effective May 9, 1963.

Board members are appointed by the governor with confirmation by the Senate.

The board meets monthly and has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws and administrative rules regarding the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, osteopathy, physician's assistants and advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board conducts two examinations each year for licensure to practice medicine and surgery for both medical and osteopathic doctors, determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity, issues resident physician licenses as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board also administers the physician's assistant program under Chapter 148C of the Code and is responsible for the administration of Chapter 147A for the certification of advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensure discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, imposition of licensee discipline, and may petition the District Court for enforcement of its authority. It registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report to the board complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions constituting cause for licensee discipline, determines and administers annual license renewals and requirements for continuing medical education, certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions and establishes procedures regarding disputes between licensees and patients which result in judgment or settlements of malpractice claims or actions.

During fiscal year 1981-82, the board processed 7,820 renewals of permanent licenses, issued 542 new licenses, issued 221 new resident licenses with 173 renewals, issued 20 new temporary licenses with 9 renewals, certified 60 physician's assistants with 79 renewals, processed 230 certifications and 6,400 verifications of current licensees, and administered 1,037 FLEX examinations for a license to practice medicine and surgery and osteopathic medicine and surgery.

During fiscal year 1981-1982, the board administered 547 EMT and paramedic examinations, certified 275 EMT-I, 15 EMT-II, and 141 paramedics and approved two additional training programs.

During the 1982 calendar year, the board received 290 complaints, closed 278 investigative files and imposed 87 sanctions consisting of revocations, suspensions, probations, civil penalties and letters of warning.

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