

State Medical Library

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The State Medical Library of Iowa was established as a department of the State Library in July 1919, and became a separate library in the reorganization of state libraries by the 48th General Assembly in 1931. In 1973, the Medical Library became a division of the State Library Commission of Iowa.

This library contains over 30,000 volumes and subscribes to more than 500 medical and scientific journals annually. In addition to its collection of current materials, there is an extensive section on medical history.

The primary function of the State Medical Library of Iowa is to provide reference, research and interlibrary loan services to government agencies, physicians and other medical personnel, attorneys, students, libraries and the general public.

Military Library

Roger W. Gilbert, adjutant general; Memorial Hall, Camp Dodge, Johnston 50131; 515-278-9357

The collection contains documents, reports, records and books which describe the history of the Iowa National Guard and individual Iowans who have served in the armed services.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS, IOWA STATE BOARD OF

Ronald V. Saf, executive director; 1209 East Court Ave., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5171

THOMAS L. BENNETT, M.D., West Des Moines; term expires 1986

JOSEPH B. BAKER, D.O., Greenfield; term expires 1985

WILLIAM R. BLISS, M.D., Ames; term expires 1986

MARIAN C. BOUREK, Farley; term expires 1987

RICHARD L. CARRUTHERS, D.O., Walcott; term expires 1987

ALYCE M. FANSLow, Ph.D., Ames; term expires 1985

JOHN L. GARRED, M.D., Whiting; term expires 1985

DOROTHY J. GILDEA, M.D., Davenport; term expires 1986

REID E. MOTLEY, M.D., Cedar Rapids; term expires 1987

HORMOZ RASSEKH, M.D., Council Bluffs; term expires 1986

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, in 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, physicians' 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 physicians' 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.