

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

CONTACT:

Nancy Achin Audesse
Russell Aims
(617) 654-9867

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Douglas M. Katz, M.D. and Matthew Cushing, Jr., M.D.

The Board found that Dr. Douglas M. Katz engaged in communication with a patient designed to foster a personal relationship beyond the boundaries of a doctor/patient relationship. The Board reprimanded Dr. Katz. Dr. Katz is a 1987 graduate of the School of Medicine, State University of New York. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1989.

In the matter of Dr. Matthew Cushing, Jr., the Board found that his license to practice medicine in California was revoked by the California Medical Board in November 2004. The revocation was stayed, however, but Dr. Cushing ultimately resigned his California license in 2005. The Massachusetts Board opened a complaint against Dr. Cushing, and Dr. Cushing never responded to Board communications on the matter. Dr. Cushing also failed to appear at a hearing before the Division of Administrative Law Appeals, and so defaulted. Today the Board revoked Dr. Cushing's license to practice medicine in Massachusetts. Dr. Cushing is a 1957 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1963.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints, holds hearings and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.massmedboard.org.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Copies of orders issued by the Board are available at (617) 654-9867.

###