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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 Jerome Listernick, M.D., William R. Caruso, M.D., Philip M. Hommes, D.O., Peter Grinspoon, M.D., Alireza Mahmoudieh, M.D., and Samuel B. Wilson, M.D.

The Board revoked Dr. Jerome Listernick's right to renew his license to practice medicine, finding that he had demonstrated a pattern of substandard care involving nine patients that raises serious questions about his competence and ability to practice medicine. Dr. Listernick's license was summarily suspended by the Board in 2003, and expired in 2005. In November 2006, the Division of Administrative Law Appeals issued an Order of Default and a Recommended Decision. Today's decision by the Board completes action on this case. Dr. Listernick is a 1958 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1959. He is board certified in Allergy & Immunology and Pediatrics.

The Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. William R. Caruso. Dr. Caruso was found to have improperly prescribed controlled substances, practiced medicine while his ability to do so was impaired, failed to maintain medical malpractice insurance and fraudulently procured the renewal of his medical license. Dr. Caruso is a 1978 graduate of New York Medical College & Hospital for Women and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1979. He is board certified in Internal Medicine with a subspecialty in rheumatology, and he is also licensed in California.

Dr. Philip M. Hommes was found to have practiced medicine while his ability to do so was impaired. He entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board in 2005. Today the Board indefinitely suspended his license to practice medicine. Dr. Hommes may petition to stay the suspension upon documentation of two years of continuous sobriety. Dr. Hommes is a 1972 graduate of Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Association in Pediatrics, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1981.

The Board found that Dr. Peter Grinspoon issued prescriptions for controlled substances for no legitimate purpose. Dr. Grinspoon entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board in 2005. Today the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Grinspoon's license to practice medicine. The suspension was immediately stayed upon his entry into a Probation Agreement providing that Dr. Grinspoon will undergo monitoring by the Board until at least 2010. Dr. Grinspoon is a 1997 graduate of Boston University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2000.

The Board found that Dr. Alireza Mahmoudieh was disciplined by the California Medical Board for falsely denying the existence of a misdemeanor conviction. The Illinois Medical Board subsequently disciplined him based on the California action. Today the Massachusetts Board suspended Dr. Mahmoudieh's right to renew his license to practice medicine, which expired in 2005. He may petition to stay the suspension upon entry into a Probation Agreement that provides that he may not practice medicine in Massachusetts without the express permission of the Board. Dr. Mahmoudieh is a 1996 graduate of Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Medical University in Szeged, Hungary. He currently practices Radiation Oncology in California.

In November 2002 and January 2004 Dr. Samuel B. Wilson was arrested for operating under the influence. After the second offense he lost his license to drive for two years, and was required to attend a 14-day inpatient alcohol treatment program. In August 2004 Dr. Wilson reported on his application for renewal of his license to practice medicine that he was charged for operating under the influence, but failed to report that it was for a second offense. Today the Board reprimanded Dr. Wilson and fined him \$2,500 for failing to disclose the second charge. Dr. Wilson is a 1990 graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 2000. He specializes in Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, and is employed as a basic science researcher.

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.

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