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**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**BOSTON:** At its meeting today, the State Board of Registration in Medicine took action against the medical licenses of two physicians, David J. Maitland, M.D. and David O. Haugland, M.D.

The Board indefinitely suspended the medical license of Dr. Maitland. Dr. Maitland is a 1974 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine. He is a general surgeon who was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1978. Dr. Maitland was found to have practiced medicine while his ability to do so was impaired by alcohol, but has provided no evidence of participating in a Board-approved substance abuse program. The Board considers his refusal to participate in a program specifically designed to provide for his return to practice under appropriate conditions to be a failure to acknowledge his impairment. Accordingly, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Maitland's license to practice medicine. He may petition for a stay of the suspension upon proof of one year of continuous sobriety, and documentation of participation in a Board-approved monitoring program. Any stay of the suspension would be conditioned on Dr. Maitland entering into a five-year probation agreement that would provide for continued chemical dependency monitoring and monitoring of his prescribing practices.

In the matter of Dr. Haugland, the Board accepted the resignation of his license to practice. Resignation is a disciplinary action reportable to the national practitioner database, and permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Haugland is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. He is a 1963 graduate of the University of Washington School of Medicine, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1987.

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 about the Board is available at [www.massmedboard.org](http://www.massmedboard.org).

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