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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 three physicians: Julie D. Colby, M.D., David Ignatius, M.D. and Sung O. Kim, M.D.

The Board entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Julie D. Colby, indefinitely suspending her right to renew her license to practice medicine. Dr. Colby is a 1981 graduate of the Faculte de Medecine, Universite de Sherbrooke in Quebec. She is an anesthesiologist and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1987. The Board found that Dr. Colby had practiced medicine while her ability to do so was impaired by drugs. She entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice in September 2004. Today's action prevents her from exercising her right to renew her license. Dr. Colby may petition the Board to stay the suspension if she demonstrates 18 months of continuous sobriety.

The Board reprimanded Dr. David Ignatius and fined him \$1,500. Dr. Ignatius is a 1986 graduate of the University of Columbo, Faculty of Medicine in Sri Lanka. He is board certified in emergency medicine and surgery and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1986. The Board found that Dr. Ignatius prescribed Percocet, a Schedule II controlled substance, to a patient on four occasions, without making any entries in the patient's medical record on three of those occasions. The reprimand and fine were imposed pursuant to a Consent Order Dr. Ignatius entered into with the Board.

In another matter, the Board reprimanded Dr. Sung O. Kim, and fined her \$5,000. Dr. Kim graduated from the College of Medicine of Ewha Women's University in South Korea in 1968. She has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1985. Her license lapsed on January 31, 2005 due to failure to renew. The Board found that Dr. Kim repeatedly failed to respond to requests for information arising from a Board investigation of a complaint filed against her. Dr. Kim also was found by an Administrative Magistrate of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals to be in default for failing to appear at a hearing. She is prohibited from renewing her license until paying the fine.

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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