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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 license of Dr. Paola Rode, M.D. Dr. Rode entered into a Consent Order with the Board in which her license to practice medicine was admonished.

Dr. Rode is board certified in hematology and medical oncology. She was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 1993 until her license expired in October 1999 due to voluntary non-renewal. She currently lives and works in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Board's action came in response to Dr. Rode being disciplined by the State of Florida Board of Medicine after that Board found that Dr. Rode committed malpractice as defined by Florida law, and failed to maintain adequate medical records. A physician disciplined in another state for reasons substantially the same as those found in Massachusetts law and regulations, is subject to discipline in Massachusetts. By her actions in Florida, the Massachusetts Board found that Dr. Rode violated Massachusetts law and Board regulations.

Dr. Rode entered into a Consent Order with the Board accepting admonishment. The Consent Order also requires Dr. Rode to provide a complete copy of the order within 10 days to any hospital, clinic, nursing home, HMO or other medical facility with whom she has privileges or any kind of association, and to the state licensing board of any state in which she has any kind of license to practice medicine.

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.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Copies of orders issued by the Board are available by calling the Public Information Coordinator at (617) 654-9831.