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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine indefinitely suspended Dr. Peter J. Mulhern's right to renew his license to practice medicine in Massachusetts.

The Board found that Dr. Mulhern engaged in a pattern of professional misconduct, including verbal confrontations, yelling, use of profanity, threatening to punch another physician and, on one occasion, throwing a medical sandbag in anger, resulting in injury to a co-worker's foot. The indefinite suspension may be stayed upon Dr. Mulhern's entry into a Probation Agreement with the Board that prohibits him from practicing medicine in Massachusetts until he receives Board approval.

Dr. Mulhern is a 1983 graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine. He is a board certified orthopedic surgeon, and was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 1988 until he chose not to renew his license in 2005. He currently practices medicine in Georgia.

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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