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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 Diane DeBenedetto, M.D., Terrence Hack, M.D. and Joel S. Bauman, M.D.

The Board found that Dr. Diane DeBenedetto breached the standard of care in the treatment of a patient, by failing to perform appropriate tests. The Board further found that Dr. DeBenedetto was disruptive in a hospital setting, failed to appropriately follow up on another patient's care and injured her domestic partner. Dr. DeBenedetto entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice on March 27, 2006 and has not practiced since then. Today the Board indefinitely suspended her license to practice, but Dr. DeBenedetto may petition for a stay of the suspension with documentation of six months of compliance with a Behavioral Monitoring Contract, and entry into a Probation Agreement that provides for clinical monitoring and limitation of clinical practice hours. Dr. DeBenedetto is a 1975 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. She received her license to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1976.

In another matter, the Board found that Dr. Terrence Hack failed to properly monitor a patient. Dr. Hack was also found to have failed to furnish copies of medical records to several patients in a timely fashion. The Board reprimanded Dr. Hack and fined him \$7,500. Dr. Hack is a 1978 graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Medicine. He is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1981.

The Board also found that Dr. Joel S. Bauman self-prescribed a controlled substance and used a colleague's prescription pad to do so. Dr. Bauman voluntarily notified the Board of his actions. He entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice in March 2006. Today the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Bauman's license to practice. He may petition for a stay of the suspension upon documentation of six months of sobriety, and entry in to a Probation Agreement until 2011. Dr. Bauman graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva

University in 1986. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, and he has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1988.

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](http://www.massmedboard.org).

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