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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 C. Arndt, M.D. and David I. Miller, M.D.

The Board revoked Dr. David C. Arndt's "inchoate right to renew" his license to practice medicine. Dr. Arndt's license to practice was summarily suspended by the Board in 2002 after he was found to have left a patient on the operating table for over thirty minutes to attend to personal matters. In 2003 he appealed the suspension to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals, which ultimately upheld the Board's action. Dr. Arndt's license expired in 2002. Today the Board revoked what otherwise would be Dr. Arndt's right, under Massachusetts law, to seek to renew his license. Dr. Arndt is a 1992 graduate of Harvard Medical School, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1993, and specialized in orthopedic surgery. He is currently in custody pending sentencing on federal drug charges.

In the other matter, the Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. David I. Miller and fined him \$2,500 for improper prescribing. The suspension was immediately stayed because Dr. Miller has entered into a probation agreement that provides for 5 years of monitoring and prohibits him from prescribing Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances to himself or family members. He will be monitored under the care of a health care professional. Dr. Miller was fined an additional \$2,500 and reprimanded for failing to disclose on his license renewal form a criminal charge for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

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.

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