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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON- At its meeting yesterday, the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of five physicians: Dirk R. Greineder, M.D., Geoffrey Lundy, M.D., Anthony Saracino, M.D., Anna Majerovics, M.D., and Josephine A. Hoffman, M.D.

The Board voted to revoke the license of Dr. Dirk K. Greineder, a Wellesley board-certified internist and allergist. Dr. Greineder was found guilty of murder in the first degree in Norfolk County Superior Court on June 29, 2001. The revocation is a final disciplinary action by the Board. Dr. Greineder, a 1970 graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, had been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1976, until his license was summarily suspended by the Board on March 8, 2000. Dr. Greineder maintained privileges at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Brigham and Women's Hospital until March 2000. He also reported affiliations with Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and the MIT Medical Department.

The Board also voted to accept the resignation of Dr. Geoffrey A. Lundy, a New Hampshire board-certified internist, during an investigation into allegations that he had been formally disciplined by the New Hampshire Board of Registration in Medicine. Dr. Lundy, a 1986 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1988. The New Hampshire Board of Registration in Medicine entered into a settlement agreement with Dr. Lundy on January 5, 2001 in which he agreed that he had overdosed on narcotics in February 1999 and pled guilty on August 28, 2000 to charges of driving under the influence of alcohol. Dr. Lundy has reported New Hampshire hospital privileges at Eliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center. A resignation is a type of disciplinary action in Massachusetts.

Three physicians lost their inchoate right to renew their medical licenses. Revocation of the inchoate right to renew prevents a physician whose license has expired from returning to active practice in Massachusetts.

The Board entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Anthony Saracino, suspending his inchoate right to renew his Massachusetts medical license for an indefinite period. The suspension will be automatically stayed after ninety days. Dr. Saracino, a board-certified urologist, was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from December 1989 until his license expired in July 1999. In April of 2000, the Board of Licensure in Medicine in the State of Maine disciplined Dr. Saracino his involvement in an inappropriate sexual and personal relationship with a female patient over a period of several months, beginning in June 1997. A 1984 graduate of the University of Rome Faculty of Medicine, he currently practices medicine in Florida.

The Board also entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Anna Majerovics, suspending her inchoate right to renew her license to practice medicine in Massachusetts for an indefinite period of time. Dr. Majerovics was disciplined by the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for issuing fraudulent prescriptions between 1995 and 1998 to employees and family members in order to obtain drugs for self-use. Dr. Majerovics, a New York board-certified ophthalmologist, was licensed

to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 1996 until May 2001. Dr. Majerovics was also fined \$2,500.

The Board also entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Josephine A. Hoffman, indefinitely suspending her inchoate right to renew her license to practice medicine in Massachusetts. The Board took this action on the grounds that Dr. Hoffman, a Worcester board-certified psychiatrist and neurologist, had practiced medicine while her ability to do so was impaired by drugs, that she continued to practice medicine after her registration had lapsed, and that she issued prescriptions for controlled substances without an active license. Dr. Hoffman was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 1989 until March 14, 2001. She was previously licensed in South Carolina and Florida.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created 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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