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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 licenses of Rimas Maurukas, M.D., John George, M.D., Boris Murillo, M.D. and Paul Silverstein, M.D.

The Board found that Dr. Rimas Maurukas provided substandard care to several patients, violated the controlled substances act and committed misconduct in his medical practice. Dr. Maurukas entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice in December 2006. Today the Board revoked his license to practice medicine retroactive to that date. His license expired in April 2007. Dr. Maurukas is a 1978 graduate of Ohio State University College of Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1981.

In the matter of Dr. John George, the Board found that he engaged in inappropriate behavior with two patients. Dr. George is ordered to enter into and comply with a Probation Agreement requiring him to use a Board-approved chaperone for all exams of female patients. He will also be required to complete a course concerning the doctor/patient relationship and communication skills. Dr. George is a 1996 graduate of the University of Kerala Medical College in India. He practices Internal Medicine and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 2004.

Dr. Boris Murillo was reprimanded and fined \$2,500. The Board found that he improperly accessed the medical records of two individuals for no legitimate medical reason. Dr. Murillo is a 1992 graduate of San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca University in Bolivia. He is Board certified in Internal Medicine, Critical Care and Pulmonary Disease, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1994.

The Board also reprimanded Dr. Paul Silverstein. The Board found that on several occasions Dr. Silverstein used profanity and inappropriate language to colleagues and a patient. He has since sought treatment and education to address conflict management. Dr. Silverstein is a 1974 graduate of New York Medical College. He is a board certified Urologist, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1979.

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.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Copies of orders issued by the Board are available at (617) 654-9867, and in .pdf form on the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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