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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 Julian Abbey M.D., Brook V. Wiers, M.D., Muhammad Awaisi, M.D. and Sidney C. Rubenstein, M.D.

The Board revoked the right of Dr. Julian Abbey to renew his license to practice medicine in Massachusetts. The Board found that Dr. Abbey committed boundary violations with two patients, engaged in sexual misconduct with one patient, practiced medicine while impaired and unlawfully failed to maintain a record of prescriptions for controlled substances. In 2005, the Board summarily suspended his license, which later expired that year. Dr. Abbey is a 1992 graduate of New York Medical College. He specialized in Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1995.

The Board also revoked the license of Dr. Muhammad Awaisi. Dr. Awaisi was found to have practiced medicine deceitfully. He entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board in 2006. Dr. Awaisi is a 1983 graduate of Nishtar Medical College, Bahuddin Zakaria University in Pakistan. He specializes in Orthopedic Surgery and Family Practice, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1995.

In another matter, the Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. Brook V. Wiers. The Board found that Dr. Wiers had provided substandard care to several patients. He may petition for a stay of the suspension upon proof of his successful completion of a skills assessment in Ophthalmology, and entry into a Probation Agreement that calls for monitoring of his practice. Dr. Wiers may also petition for a stay upon completion of an accredited residency program in another specialty. Dr. Wiers is a 1994 graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Ophthalmology and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 2000. He does not currently practice medicine.

The Board also reprimanded Dr. Sidney C. Rubenstein. The Board found that Dr. Rubenstein made inappropriate and disruptive remarks while performing a procedure in the operating room while other staff were present, and that he had also previously made inappropriate remarks in

front of other hospital staff. Dr. Rubenstein is a 1989 graduate of Harvard Medical School. He is board certified in Urology, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1990.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 31,000 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 Board orders are available at (781) 876-8267, and in .pdf form on the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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