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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 Ernest Osei-Tutu, M.D. and Barbara L. Philipp, M.D.

The Board reprimanded Dr. Ernest Osei-Tutu and fined him \$7,500. The Board found that Dr. Osei-Tutu failed to appropriately follow up on a patient's test results, and failed to meet the standard of care. Dr. Osei-Tutu is a 1984 graduate of Thomas Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1992.

In another matter, the Board found that Dr. Barbara L. Philipp personally used prescriptions for controlled substances she wrote to family members and friends. The Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Philipp's license to practice medicine, and immediately stayed the suspension pursuant to a Probation Agreement entered into by Dr. Philipp. The Probation Agreement requires that Dr. Philipp be monitored for a period of 5 years. Dr. Philipp is a 1979 graduate of the State University of New York College of Medicine. She is board certified in Pediatrics, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1982.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 32,000 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.

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