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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 Paul H. Cochrane, D.O., Kenneth B. Boyd, M.D., Nhan Hoang, M.D. and Michael J.F. Iannessa, M.D.

The Board found that patients of Drs. Paul H. Cochrane and Kenneth B. Boyd received intravenous administration of hydrogen peroxide by medical staff employed by the physicians. The Board also found that both physicians inadequately supervised the medical staff who administered the hydrogen peroxide, and that patients were not adequately informed about the possible side effects of the procedure. Today the Board reprimanded both Drs. Cochrane and Boyd, fined each of them \$3,000, and prohibited them from any involvement with IV administration of hydrogen peroxide.

Dr. Cochrane is a 1992 graduate of the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1996. Dr. Boyd is a 1979 graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1980.

In another matter, the Board reprimanded Dr. Nhan Hoang and fined him \$2,500. The Board found that an inspection of Dr. Hoang's office by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) determined that it had unsafe and unsanitary conditions. The office was later found to be in compliance with all BPHC regulations. Dr. Hoang is a 1971 graduate of the University of Saigon, Faculty of Medicine in Vietnam. He is in general practice, and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1983.

Dr. Michael Iannessa was reprimanded and fined \$2,500. The Board found that he was disciplined by a hospital for failing to disclose that he had voluntarily agreed to stop performing certain procedures at another hospital after a series of complications and adverse events affecting patients he had treated. Dr. Iannessa is a 1979 graduate of the University of Rome Medical School in Italy. He is board certified in OB/GYN and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1984.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 37,000 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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