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**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on January 21, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of William E. O’Connor, M.D., Bilal Hussain, M.D., Bhavneesh K. Sharma, M.D. and Parnag H. Kasarjian, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board reprimanded Dr. William E. O’Connor after it found that Dr. O’Connor had failed to report on his medical license renewal application that he had been charged with a criminal offense. The Board also imposed a fine of $2,500 and required Dr. O’Connor to complete 25 hours of community service. Dr. O’Connor, a 1979 graduate of Faculte de Medicine, Universite de l’Etat a Liege, Belgium, is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1980 and currently practices in Fall River. Dr. O’Connor is also licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island.

The Board also admonished Dr. Bilal Hussain after he agreed in a Consent Order that he fraudulently renewed his medical licensing in 2004 when he falsely answered a question on his medical license renewal application. Dr. Hussain is a 1994 graduate of Temple University School of Medicine who has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1997. Dr. Hussain is an internist who currently maintains a private practice in North Attleboro.

Finally, the Board accepted the resignation of the licenses to practice medicine of Dr. Bhavneesh Sharma and Dr. Parnag Kasarjian. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Sharma, a board-certified internist with subspecialty certifications in critical care medicine and pulmonary disease, is a 1998 graduate of Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2010. Until his medical license was summarily suspended in September, 2015, Dr. Sharma worked at the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department as a physician. Dr. Kasarjian graduated from Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1955. He is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in internal medicine. Dr. Kasarjian, who practiced in Brookline, was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1956.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 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 and determines sanctions. More information is available at [www.mass.gov/massmedboard](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard), or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at (781) 876-8202.

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