**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on May 5, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Conrad H. Benoit, D.O., Mohammad D. Nassery, M.D. and Irwin August, D.O.

The Board summarily suspended the medical license of Dr. Conrad H. Benoit after finding that he poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Benoit improperly prescribed opioids to multiple patients. Dr. Benoit has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Benoit, who is a board-certified internist, graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1991. Dr. Benoit maintains a private practice in Hyannis.

The Board accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Irwin August. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. August, a psychiatrist, is a 1992 graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1995. Dr. August maintained a private practice in Massachusetts until July 2013. Dr. August is also licensed in Connecticut. He was previously licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island and Vermont.

Finally, the Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Mohammad D. Nassery’s right to renew his license to practice medicine. Dr. Nassery, a neurologist, is a 1978 graduate of the Kabul University Avicenna Medical Institute in Afghanistan. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1999. Dr. Nassery worked in a private practice in Hyannis until he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board in May, 2015. Dr. Nassery was previously disciplined by the Board in 2001.

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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