**WAKEFIELD:**   At an emergency meeting on May 26, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine summarily suspended the medical licenses of John C. Nadolny, M.D.  and  Fred J. Thaler, M.D. after finding that they pose immediate and serious threats to the public health, safety and welfare.

The Board alleges that Dr. Nadolny allowed patients to secure medical marijuana certificate without being seen by a physician. Pursuant to the law, only a physician, who has established a bona fide physician-patient relationship, may diagnose a patient with a debilitating medical condition warranting a medical marijuana certificate.  As of May 20, 2016, the Medical Use of Marijuana Program listed Dr. Nadolny as having issued 5,792 certificates.  Dr. Nadolny, who has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1985, is an employee of Melrose-Wakefield Emergency Physicians and is currently the medical director at Canna Care Docs where he has worked since March of 2014.

Dr. Thaler is alleged to have improperly prescribed opioids and other medications to patients.  Dr. Thaler is a board-certified internist and gastroenterologist and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1987.  Dr. Thaler is associated with Steward Good Samaritan Hospital.

Both Dr. Nadolny and Dr.Thaler have the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days.

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.