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**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:**  At its meeting on December 22, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical license of Robert Kohn, M.D, Tzay J. Chiu, M.D. and James P. DeVellis, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board indefinitely suspended the medical license of Dr.  Robert Kohn after finding that he committed gross misconduct. Dr. Kohn is a psychiatrist who is also licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island and New York.

The Board accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. James P. DeVellis.  Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes the physician from the practice of medicine anywhere in the United States.  Dr. James P. DeVellis is an Orthopaedic Surgeon who was licensed to practiced medicine in Massachusetts in1998.

The Board accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Tzay J. Chiu.  Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes the physician from the practice of medicine anywhere in the United States.  Dr. Chiu is an Anesthesiologist who was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1981.

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 bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us