**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on May11, 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Mary E. Johnson, M.D., Bharanidharan Padmanabhan, M.D., Fernando Y. Jayma, M.D., Peter Laursen, M.D. and Carlos Melero-Montes, D.O.

The Board summarily suspended the medical license of Dr. Mary E. Johnson after finding that she poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. Dr. Johnson has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Johnson has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2003.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Bharanidharan Padmanabhan’s medical license after it found that he rendered substandard care to two patients and maintained substandard medical records for seven patients. This suspension was immediately stayed for sixty days to allow Dr. Padmanabhan to enter into a Probation Agreement that would require him to complete an audit of his medical- recordkeeping and comply with any recommendations for remediation. Dr. Padmanabhan was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 2001.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the licenses to practice medicine of Dr. Fernando Y. Jayma, Dr. Peter Laursen and Dr. Carlos Melero-Montes. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine.

Dr. Jayma was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in October, 1983. He worked in a private medical practice in Ludlow until December 2, 2015, when he entered into a Voluntary Agreement not to Practice Medicine with the Board.

Dr. Laursen has been licensed in the Commonwealth since 1976. He last practiced medicine at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital.

Dr. Melero-Montes was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in February, 1996. He practiced at UMass Memorial Medical Center. Dr. Melero-Montes entered into a Voluntary Agreement not to Practice Medicine with the Board on July 11, 2016.

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, or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us