

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on August 3, 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Katherine J. Downey, M.D. and Ronald J. Pantano, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Katherine J. Downey's medical license after finding that she had repeatedly failed to respond to communications from the Board. Such failure prevented the Board from investigating serious allegations concerning her failure to maintain confidentiality and her failure to promptly and adequately respond to patients. Dr. Downey has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2013. She last reported to the Board that she was practicing medicine in Norwell.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Ronald J. Pantano. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Pantano was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in October, 1979. He is an internist who worked in a medical practice in Worcester.

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