**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD:  At its meeting on February 7, 2019, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Kang Lu, M.D., Leonardo Velazquez, M.D., Ashok J. Patel, M.D., Domenic A. Ciraulo, M.D. and Lisa L. Milder, D.O.

The Board summarily suspended the medical license of Dr. Kang Lu after finding that he poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. Dr. Lu has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Lu has been licensed in the Commonwealth since August 2012.

In a Consent Order, the Board indefinitely suspended the medical license of Dr. Leonardo Velazquez after he agreed that his performance of cataract surgery and documentation of his cataract surgery complications for three patients fell below the standard of care.  The Board immediately stayed the suspension upon his entry into a Probation Agreement. Dr. Velazquez has been practicing medicine in the Commonwealth since October 2004.  He is currently practicing in West Springfield and Palmer.

The Board accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Ashok J. Patel, as well as the resignations of the right to renew their medical licenses of Dr. Domenic A. Ciraulo and Dr. Lisa L. Milder. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine.

Dr. Patel was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in March 1984.  Dr. Patel practiced at a private clinic in Dorchester until July 2018.

Dr. Ciraulo was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from June 1977 until March 2016 when he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board.  He last practiced medicine at addiction treatment centers in Taunton and New Bedford.

Dr. Milder was licensed in the Commonwealth from January 1994 until January 2013.  Dr. Milder currently resides and practices in Rhode Island.

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 the Board at borimmedia@massmail.state.ma.us