**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on January 23, 2020, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Timothy K. Argeroplos. M.D. and Pankaj Merchia, M.D.

The Board revoked the limited license of Dr. Timothy K. Argeroplos, retroactive to July 1, 2018, after he agreed in a Consent Order that he had admitted to sufficient facts to one count of Lewdness, Open and Gross, and one count of Photographing Unsuspected Nude person. Dr. Argeroplos was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in May 2016. At the time of the incidents, Dr. Argeroplos was in a training program at UMass Medical Center.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board reprimanded the medical license of Dr. Pankaj Merchia after it found that he had been disciplined in Virginia for a cause substantially similar to that for which she could be disciplined in Massachusetts; failing to provide a patient with medical records in a timely manner, providing a patient with an incomplete copy of medical records upon request, and deceiving a patient in his verbal and electronic responses to requests for medical records. Dr. Merchia was also ordered to pay a $2,500 fine and complete additional Continuing Medical Education courses. Dr. Merchia has been licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth since February 2007.

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