**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine recently took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Eric Hu, M.D., George A. Csank, M.D., Andrew M. Epstein, D.O., Ronald D. Dean, D.O., and Sujan Kayastha, M.D.

In a Consent Order, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Eric Hu’s right to renew his license to practice medicine after he admitted that he practiced while impaired. Dr. Hu, an anesthesiologist, was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from August 29, 2018 until February 6, 2020, when he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice. He last practiced medicine at Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton.

In another Consent Order, the Board reprimanded the medical license of Dr. George Csank after he agreed that he failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of a patient when he excised the wrong lesion. Dr. Csank is board certified in plastic surgery by the American Board of Medical Specialties. He has been licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth since November 6, 1991. Dr. Csank practices medicine in a private practice in Pittsfield. He is also licensed to practice medicine in Florida and New York.

The Board also reprimanded Dr. Andrew M. Epstein’s medical license after he acknowledged in a Consent Order that he had been disciplined by the North Carolina Medical Board for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline, to wit, for engaging in conduct which places into question his competence to practice medicine. Dr. Epstein admitted that he inappropriately prescribed ketamine to telehealth patients. Dr. Epstein, who practices Family Medicine/Family Practice, was first licensed in Massachusetts on April 6, 2023. He currently resides in Arizona and is licensed to practice medicine in several other states.

The Board accepted the resignations of the right to renew the medical licenses of Dr. Ronald D. Dean and Dr. Sujan Kayastha. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine.

Dr. Dean is board-certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in emergency medicine. He was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from August 9, 2023 until April 7, 2024. He resides in Montana and is licensed to practice medicine in several states.

Dr. Kayastha, a board-certified internist, was licensed in Massachusetts from June 27, 2012 until May 18, 2021. Prior to his resignation, D. Kayastha’s medical license had been summarily suspended by the Board on April 18, 2019. He was last associated with St. Luke’s, Charlton Memorial and Tobey hospitals.

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 borimmediamassmail.state.ma.us.