

## **MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on July 13, 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Sara E. Russell, M.D, David H. Brendel, M.D., and Natasha A. Reid, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Sara E. Russell's inchoate right to renew her medical license after concluding that Dr. Russell had practiced medicine while her ability to do so was impaired. Dr. Russell was licensed in Massachusetts from 1998 until June, 2015.

In another Final Decision & Order, the Board suspended the medical license of Dr. David Brendel after he stipulated that he had engaged in a sexual relationship with a former patient. The suspension was stayed immediately. Dr. Brendel was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in June, 1999. He maintains a private practice in Belmont.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. Natasha A. Reid's license to practice medicine. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Reid was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 2011. Until recently, Dr. Reid practiced obstetrics and gynecology in a private practice in Springfield.

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 Bridgette Sanders at [bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us)