**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on May 20, 2021, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Sheldon E. Schwartz, M.D., Mahmoud Rashidi-Naimabadi, M.D., Huyen Le Cao, M.D. and John H. Stevenson, M.D.

In a Final Decision and Order, the Board indefinitely suspended the medical license of Dr. Sheldon E. Schwartz after it found that Dr. Schwartz engaged in disruptive behavior in the workplace. The suspension will be stayed upon compliance with certain conditions. Dr. Schwartz was first licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth on June 14, 1995. He last practiced medicine at Arbour HRI Hospital in Brookline in 2013.

The Board reprimanded Dr. Mahmoud Rashidi-Naimabadi’s license to practice medicine, with conditions, after Dr. Rashidi-Naimabadi agreed in a Consent Order that he had been disciplined by the California Medical Board for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline, to wit, for rendering substandard care to two patients. Dr. Rashidi-Naimabadi was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on May 18, 2011. He currently practices in Bakersfield, California. He is also licensed to practice medicine in New Hampshire.

The Board accepted Dr. Huyen Le Cao’s resignation of the right to renew her medical license. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Cao was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from January 26, 1994 until October 4, 2000 when she did not renew her license. Prior to March 1, 2021, Dr. Cao practiced medicine in Foster City, California.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. John H. Stevenson’s right to renew his medical license. Dr. Stevenson, who is board certified in Family Medicine with a subspecialty in Sports Medicine, was licensed in Massachusetts from July 17, 2002 until February 17, 2021. He last practiced medicine at UMass Memorial Medical Center 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 the Board at borimmedia@massmail.state.ma.us