**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on October 25, 2018, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Alexander J. Kim, M.D. and Robert A. Friedman, M.D.

In a Consent Order, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Alexander Kim’s medical license after he agreed that he had diverted narcotics that he had obtained during his moonlighting shifts in a hospital anesthesiology department. Dr. Kim was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in March 2016. He practiced at Brigham and Women’s Hospital until he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board on June 29, 2017

The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. Robert A. Friedman’s right to renew his license to practice medicine. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Friedman was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from June 1989 until January, 2018. He last practiced medicine for a group practice in Hyannis. Dr. Friedman is also licensed in New York.

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

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