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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on December 4, 2013, the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of John George, M.D., Bradley E. Harris, M.D., and Michael P. Dipre, M.D.

In a Consent Order, the Board suspended the license of John George, M.D. after Dr. George agreed that his care of four patients was below the standard of care. The suspension of Dr. George's license was immediately stayed upon his entry into a five year probation agreement that requires Dr. George's practice of medicine to be monitored. Dr. George had voluntarily attended and completed a physician assessment and clinical education program. Dr. George graduated from the Medical College at the University of Kerala, Trivandrum, Kerala, India in 1996 and was first licensed in Massachusetts in 2004. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and maintains a private practice in North Dartmouth. Dr. George had been disciplined previously by the Board in 2007 for engaging in boundary violations with two patients.

The Board accepted the resignations of the licenses of Dr. Bradley Harris and Dr. Michael Dipre. Resignation is a disciplinary action which permanently removes a physician from practice. Dr. Harris is a 1993 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine. He was first licensed in Massachusetts in 1996. Dr. Harris was in private practice in Bellingham until he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice on May 9, 2012. Dr. Michael Dipre graduated in 1985 from New York Medical College and Hospital for Women and was licensed in Massachusetts from 1987 until his license lapsed in 1991. Dr. Dipre currently practices in New Hampshire.

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, holds hearing and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.mass.gov/massmedboard.

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