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

**BOSTON:** At its meeting today, the State Board of Registration in Medicine took action against the medical licenses of Viorel Boborodea, M.D., Richard Pinegar, M.D. and John E. Prieve, D.O.

The Board revoked the statutory right of Dr. Viorel Boborodea to renew his license to practice medicine, finding that he practiced medicine with negligence on several occasions, committed malpractice and engaged in fraudulent conduct, specifically, altering medical records. Dr. Boborodea's license expired in November 2005 and he has not practiced medicine in Massachusetts since that time. Dr. Boborodea is a 1988 graduate of the New York Medical College. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, and was first licensed in Massachusetts in 1996.

In another matter, the Board suspended the license of Dr. John E. Prieve, but immediately stayed the suspension upon his entry into a Probation Agreement. The Board found that Dr. Prieve practiced medicine while his ability to practice was impaired. In February 2005 the Board accepted a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice from Dr. Prieve upon documentation of substance abuse. His Probation Agreement requires him to be monitored for substance use until April 2010. Dr. Prieve also may not use, prescribe or administer controlled substances. Dr. Prieve is a 2000 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. He specializes in critical care and internal medicine, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2003.

In the matter of Dr. Richard Pinegar, the Board reprimanded him for conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. The Board found that Dr. Pinegar, during an argument with a nurse while on duty, held onto the arm of the nurse until the nurse pulled away. Dr. Pinegar is a 1978 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and emergency medicine, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1983. He is not currently practicing medicine.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 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 hearings and determines sanctions. More information is available at [www.massmedboard.org](http://www.massmedboard.org).

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