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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical license of Louis F. Alfano, M.D.

The Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. Louis F. Alfano. His license was summarily suspended by the Board on January 24, 2007. Today the Board found that Dr. Alfano failed to meet the standard of care in his treatment of three patients. He was also found to have failed to maintain adequate medical records for each patient. Dr. Alfano may petition to stay the suspension upon his entry into a Probation Agreement that provides for restrictions and monitoring of his practice. These include monitoring of all of his surgical procedures by another attending physician, review of his post-operative care, limitations on the type and duration of procedures he may perform and a requirement that he dictate the operative note for each surgery on the same day the procedure was performed. Dr. Alfano is a 1981 graduate of the University of Guadalajara Faculty of Medicine. He is board certified in General Surgery and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1983.

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.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Copies of orders issued by the Board are available at (617) 654-9867, and at the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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