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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 Donald C. Marion, M.D. and Risa Aronson, D.O.

The Board revoked the license of Dr. Donald C. Marion retroactive to April 7, 2004. Dr. Marion entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine on that date. Dr. Marion is a 1982 graduate of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, and was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 2002. He is a board-certified neurosurgeon. In today's action the Board found that Dr. Marion had engaged in sexual activity with a patient and committed conduct that places into question his ability to practice medicine. Dr. Marion may petition the Board to reinstate his license in 2007, although it remains in the Board's discretion whether to grant such a petition.

In another matter, the Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. Risa Aronson. She is a 1991 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the New York Institute of Medicine and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1998. Dr. Aronson is board-certified in internal medicine. In April 2004 Dr. Aronson admitted to using controlled substances diverted from her practice. She entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine on May 19, 2004. On May 17, 2005, the Franklin Superior Court placed Dr. Aronson on Pre-Trial Probation Supervision for three years. Today the Board found that Dr. Aronson obtained controlled substances by fraud, issued prescriptions not issued in the usual course of her practice, and that she committed misconduct in the practice of medicine. Dr. Aronson may petition the Board to stay the suspension if she can document 18 months of continuous sobriety, and adherence to a monitoring contract.

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 about the Board is available at [www.massmedboard.org](http://www.massmedboard.org).

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