

NORTHEAST REGION STATE MEDICAL BOARDS
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE
September 24, 1999

MEDICAL PRACTICE ACROSS STATE LINES

- Whereas: Technology allows almost instantaneous high quality transmission of images, data, text, audio, and real-time activities without regard to state boundaries; and
- Whereas: Technology has expanded the capability of physicians to provide services using electronic means; and
- Whereas: Medical boards, as the state regulatory authorities charged to protect the health and welfare of their citizens, must have mechanisms to appropriately monitor and discipline professionals providing services within their state boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE: The states named in this document agree in principle that:

EXCEPT FOR CONSULTATION AS DEFINED BY OUR SEVERAL STATES,
PROVISION OF ALL MEDICAL SERVICES SHALL REQUIRE A FULL LICENSE IN
THE STATE IN WHICH THE PATIENT ENCOUNTER WILL OCCUR.

The following states agree to and support this statement of principle:

Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine – adopted by vote of the board Oct. 12, 1999
Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
New Hampshire Board of Medicine
New York Board of Professional Medical Conduct
Vermont Board of Medical Practice