CONSENT ORDER

Alberto Erfe, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") -- after the investigative committee’s review of the above-referenced complaint, the records, and the Respondent’s written reply to the complaint -- makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physician who has been licensed in Rhode Island since June 1974. His business address is Suite 106, 20 Cumberland Hill Road, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He graduated from University Santo Tomas in 1964.

2. Respondent was noted to have deficiencies in documentation in the medical record reviewed. There were some inaccuracies attributing a patient to having a pacemaker when one was not in place. In addition, the legibility, medical decision making and plan were not clearly documented in the medical record.

3. There was no evidence of a problem with quality of medical care.

4. Based on the foregoing, Respondent is in civil violation of Rhode Island General
Laws §5-37-5.1(19) and the Rhode Island Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians, Rule 11.4, for failure to meet minimum standards of care regarding elements and quality of the medical record.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board, and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

   a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
   b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
   c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
   d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
   e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
   f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
   g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.
4. Respondent agrees to pay within sixty (60) days of the ratification of this Consent Order an administrative fee to the Board with a check for $650 dollars made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint.

5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.

6. Respondent agrees to take a Board approved medical records course within twelve (12) months of ratification of this order.

7. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily impose further disciplinary action. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may impose further discipline if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 77th day of September, 2014.

Alberto Erfe, M.D.
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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the _____ day of September, 2014.

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