

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE**

No. C05-725

**IN THE MATTER OF
Fred H. Vohr, M.D.
License Number M.D. 03876**

Consent Order

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (2002 Reenactment) a notification was received by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline [Board] regarding Fred H. Vohr, M.D. (“Respondent”). This matter was referred to an Investigating Committee of the board for review and recommendation. The following are findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent is a physician born 11-22-1936 who has been licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island since 1967. His primary area of practice is Internal Medicine caring for elderly patients, primarily in home, hospice and chronic care settings.
2. The Board received a complaint from a son of a deceased patient that the Respondent had borrowed a sum of money from the patient over several years totaling \$177,000. Although the Respondent made some attempt at

repayment, the loan was ultimately settled by the patient's estate for a fraction of the loan amount. The patient had also been the respondent's neighbor and insurance agent.

3. The respondent provides substantial amounts of volunteer medical care and teaching through Brown Medical School, the RI Disaster Medical Assistance Team [DMAT] and the RI Medical Reserve Corps [MRC].
4. It is fundamental to the practice of medicine that a physician shall, while caring for a patient, regard responsibility to the patient as paramount [principle VIII AMA code of medical ethics 2004-5]. Thus, borrowing money from a patient violates the AMA code of ethics.
5. Respondent failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice for his acceptance of a monetary loan from a patient in violation of § 5-37-5.1(7).

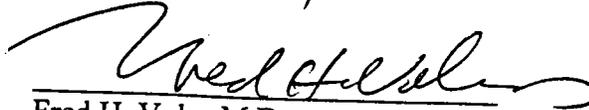
The parties agree as follows:

Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.

- (1) 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 in 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 specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
 - i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.
- (2) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent that the findings of fact were made by the Board.
 - (3) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
 - (4) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
 - (5) Respondent hereby consents to a sanction of probation for one year to begin with the ratification of this order.
 - (6) Respondent is required to complete a Board directed Ethics program.
 - (7) Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS within 60 days of ratification of this Order.

Signed this 18 day of January 2006.


Fred H. Vohr, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held
on 1/23/06, 2006.


David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Director of Health