Consent Order

Pursuant to R.I. General Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (2002 Reenactment) a notification was received by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline [Board] regarding J. Andrew Hallberg, M.D. ("Respondent"). This matter was referred to an Investigating Committee of the board for investigation 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 in 1956 and has been licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island since 1988. He is a 1982 graduate of the Tulane University School of Medicine. His primary area of practice is Orthopedic surgery. He had hospital privileges at the Westerly Hospital until March 2007. The Respondent failed to answer a question relating to past disciplinary action correctly on the 2006 – 2008 Rhode Island medical license renewal application regarding whether he had any hospital disciplinary action. He failed to disclose action taken by the hospital.

2. The Westerly Hospital notified the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline about its action and it reported that the Respondent’s privileges have been placed on probation for 3 years to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
3. While the Respondent failed to disclose the continuing investigation by the Westerly Hospital on the West Virginia Medical license application on February 16, 2007, the charges brought by Mr. Kinney on behalf of the hospital were not substantiated.

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 the terms 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

(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 period of probation for three years commencing on the date of ratification of this order.

(6) Respondent's probationary status will be lifted after three (3) years upon application to the Board.

(7) Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee of FIVE HUNDRED ($500.00) DOLLARS within 60 days of ratification of this Order.

Signed this 25 day of July, 2008.

J. Andrew Hallberg, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on August 1, 2008.

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Director of Health