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 James Urban, 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 who has been licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island since 1999. His primary area of practice is Internal Medicine treating patients in outpatient settings.

2. The Respondent’s medical office is Harbour Medical located at 1000 Division Street, East Greenwich R.I.

3. The Board received an application for reinstatement from Alan Perl whose license to practice medicine in Rhode Island was Revoked on October 23,
1998 relating to a felony conviction in Massachusetts for unlawful
distribution or dispensing of a controlled substance. This reinstatement
application included a letter of reference from the Respondent attesting to
Alan Perl “...doing history and physicals (including fluorescein stain
examinations for eye injuries), performing procedures such as minor
surgery...solely responsible for performing all ultrasound
examinations...helps me with X-ray diagnoses...” The Board concluded
that the activities described constituted practicing medicine with an
unlicensed physician.

4. The Respondent later met with the Board and claimed that although he had
signed the letter submitted to the Board, that he had not read the letter and
that it had been composed by Alan Perl. He claimed that Alan Perl had
merely been an observer in his clinical practice.

5. Respondent’s actions violated the provisions of R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-
5.1(15) for practicing medicine with an unlicensed physician.

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 Reprimand.

(6) Respondent is required to complete a Board directed Medical 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 15th day of January, 2007.

James Urban, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on January 24, 2007.

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Director of Health