

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE**

No. C08-447

**IN THE MATTER OF LAURENT BRARD, M.D.
License No. 10986**

CONSENT ORDER

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) received notice from the Respondent that he engaged in an ethically inappropriate relationship with a female patient under his care. This matter was referred to an investigating committee of the Board. The findings of fact and conclusions of law are set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent is an Obstetrician / Gynecologist who specializes in gynecologic oncology at the Women & Infants Hospital, Providence, RI. He also holds a non-clinical research position at the hospital.
2. The Respondent self-reported that he engaged in a sexual relationship with a woman who was his patient.
3. The Respondent is guilty of “unprofessional conduct” in violation of R.I.G.L. 5-37-5.1 (30), sexual contact between a physician and patient during the existence of the physician/patient relationship.

The parties agree as follows:

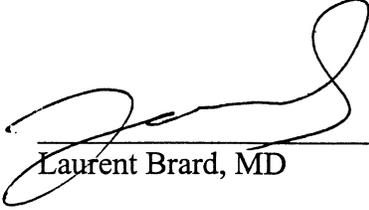
- (a) Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number, MD 10986;
- (b) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board;
- (c) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
- (d) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - (1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - (2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - (3) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - (4) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - (5) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - (6) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - (7) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

(8) 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;

(9) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order. The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.

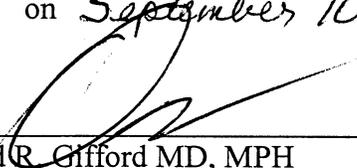
(10) Respondent's license to practice medicine is suspended for one year; however this suspension shall be Stayed and the Respondent shall enter and complete an out-of-state outpatient evaluation and treatment program as directed by the Rhode Island Medical Society Physician Health Committee ("PHC"). During this time period, the Respondent may not practice any clinical medicine; however he may continue to manage and operate the research laboratory in which he works. The Respondent shall successfully complete the above mentioned out-of-state program. Additionally, the Respondent must participate in local out-patient counseling as the PHC shall determine. He may practice clinical medicine while he participates in the PHC out-patient counseling program.

(11) Respondent shall pay a One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars administrative fee upon ratification of this order.

 8/21/08

Laurent Brard, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held
on *September 10*, 2008.



David R. Gifford MD, MPH
Director of Health