

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:
WADID S. AZER, M.D.
License Number MD10950
BMLD Case Number C13-091**

CONSENT ORDER

Wadid S. Azer, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") through its investigating committee voted after review of the complaint to find that Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct, and the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island and was issued his license on August 14, 2002. He graduated from Ain Shams University School of Medicine in 1995. He is board certified in internal medicine and works at Hope Medical Group, 770 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island. He has privileges at Saint Joseph's, Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals.
2. Beginning in September 2010, Respondent ordered pediatric vaccines from the Rhode Island Department of Health immunization program. On May 14, 2012, program staff visited Respondent's office to balance his office's inventory of immunizations and quantities of vaccine for which Respondent could not account and on July 25, 2012, he agreed to use pediatric vaccines only on patients under 19 years of age.

3. During a routine quality assurance visit conducted by immunization program staff on February 5, 2013, it was learned that Respondent would allow transfer of vaccines between his two offices, which was a violation of program rules, and his medical assistant had improperly used pediatric vaccines on adult patients, or, his office was otherwise unable to account for doses shipped to his two offices.
4. In February 2013, Respondent met with Board staff to address the immunization issues. Respondent retained an expert in pediatric immunizations to review all of his patient records since September 2010 when he began receiving vaccines from the immunization program. The expert found that no patients were harmed by the immunizations provided but some patients were under-immunized for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV and Tdap, and to remedy the situation, he sent letters to every patient who required an additional vaccine dosage.
5. Respondent was in civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(19) for failure to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice in Respondent's area of expertise by allowing his medical assistant to use some pediatric immunizations on adult patients.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board;
2. Respondent has reviewed 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.

3. Respondent hereby agrees to this Reprimand by the Board based on the findings above.

4. Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee to the Board for costs associating with investigating this complaint. Respondent shall submit to the Board within sixty (60) days a check made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury for the amount of \$500.00.

5. In the event that any conditions of this Consent Order are violated after it is signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island. If the

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Director suspends such license, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of any violation of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license for the remainder of Respondent's probationary period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 4th day of September, 2013.


Wadid S. Azer, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 7 day of November, 2013.



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