

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**BOARD OF MEDICAL
LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
WILLIAM T. CREIGHTON, M.D.
License Number MD6288
BMLD Complaint Number C13-906B**

CONSENT ORDER

William T. Creighton, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") received a patient complaint in 2013, and the Board's investigative committee reviewed the matter. The Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physician who has been licensed in Rhode Island since October 19, 1983. He graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine in 1981. He works at Garden City Treatment Center at 1150 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island.
2. A complaint was referred to the Board from the Department of Health's Office of Facilities Regulation in 2013 which has been reviewed by the investigative committee, which determined that the Respondent did not document an adequate evaluation of the patient pertaining to the complaint's primary concern.
3. The Respondent saw the patient at a single office visit. The medical record

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specifically lacked a meaningful “history of present illness relevant to cardiac symptoms,” “past medical history,” or “review of systems”. Additionally, the “assessment and plan” indicated lack of diagnostic pursuit and index of suspicion for cardiac disease in a patient with known risk factors such as hypertension and sleep apnea.

4. Based on the deficiency in the patient’s medical record and clinical care, Respondent has violated Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(19) and § 11.4 of the Rhode Island Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians based on the failure to meet minimum standards of care and inadequate medical recordkeeping.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

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

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- 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.
4. Respondent agrees to pay within sixty (60) days of the ratification of this Consent Order an administrative fee to the Board with a check for \$650.00 made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint.
5. Respondent agrees to complete and submit evidence of completion to the Board of twenty (20) hours of Board-approved continuing medical education regarding cardiac disease within twelve (12) months of ratification of this Order.
6. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
7. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily impose further disciplinary action. If the Director summarily imposes

further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within ten (10) days of the disciplinary action. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 24 day of October, 2014.

William T. Creighton MD
William T. Creighton, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 12 day of November, 2014.


Michael Fine, M.D.
Director
Rhode Island Department of Health