STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

In the matter of:
William R. Hambidge, M.D.

Summary Suspension

This matter came to the attention of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline by way of a report from the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery that notified the Board that the clinical privileges of the Respondent have been suspended.

The report found that the Respondent committed acts of misconduct which indicate a pattern of behavioral and professional impairment. The suspension of clinical privileges was based upon allegations of, inter alia, falsification of medical documents, unauthorized release of private medical records, use of his official position for private gain, committing acts of sexual abuse or exploitation which impairs his effectiveness and credibility within the health care system, and willfully or negligently violating confidentiality between patient and provider.

Rhode Island General Laws 5-37-5.1(21) entitled "Unprofessional Conduct" empowers the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline to take action against a licensee when disciplinary action against a licensee has been taken in another state or jurisdiction for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action in the state of Rhode Island.

The Board has reviewed the materials provided by the

In view of the stated facts and in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws 5-37-8, the Director of Health makes the following finding and order.

ORDER

1. Information in the possession of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline indicates that the continuation in practice of William R. Hambidge, M.D. would constitute an immediate danger to the public.

2. The license to practice medicine in the state of Rhode Island, number MD 4477, issued to William R. Hambidge, M.D., is hereby Suspended effective December 29, 1995.

The Respondent has a right to a hearing pursuant to R.I.G.L. 5-37-8.

Patricia A. Nolan MD, MPH

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Director of Health

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the within ORDER was sent Certified Mail to William R. Hambidge, M.D. on this 29th day of December, 1995.

Jacqueline C. Landry