

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND  
DISCIPLINE**

**No. C04-046**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
BARBARA JABLOW, MD  
License Number MD 6978**

**Consent Order**

Pursuant to R.I .Gen. Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (1999 Reenactment) a complaint was reported to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline regarding Barbara Jablow, 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. Respondent is a 1985 graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine who has been licensed to practice in Rhode Island since 1986 and has been Board Certified in Family Practice since 1995. She has admitting privileges at Woman and Infants, Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals.
2. A 43 year-old male non-smoker was under the care of the Respondent beginning in 1995. In 1996, the patient presented to the Respondent with a two-week history of cough productive of grey sputum occasionally tinged with blood. He was treated with antibiotics and nasal steroids.

3. Six months later, the patient presented to Respondent's colleague with left sided chest pain. He was treated with antibiotics and PeptoBismol and told to return for follow-up in two weeks. The patient did not follow-up.
4. Two months later, the patient presented with a fever, sore throat, and chest congestion. His physical examination was benign and he was diagnosed with a viral syndrome.
5. Approximately six months later, the patient presented with difficulty breathing, nasal congestion, bloody nasal discharge and a cough that produced some blood. He was prescribed antibiotics. He returned two days later with chest pain upon deep inspiration. He was treated with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
6. Nine months later the patient returned with mild chest burning. An evaluation, including a chest radiograph, demonstrated a 4.5 cm opacity in the right lower lung possibly consistent with pneumonia. A follow-up chest radiograph, after appropriate therapy was recommended by the interpreting radiologist. A repeat chest radiograph was not done.
7. The patient was later diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away.
8. Respondent violated RIGL § 5-37-5.2(19) for failing to order (a) a chest radiograph earlier in the patient's clinical course and (b) a follow-up chest radiograph after treatment to rule out a pulmonary neoplasm.


**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 is issued a Reprimand in the instant matter.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. , 2004.

  
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Barbara Jablow, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on *September 8* , 2004.

  
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Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH  
Director of Health