

State of Rhode Island  
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IN THE MATTER OF:  
Steven Blazar, MD  
License No.: MD 07137  
Case No.: C210053

**CONSENT ORDER**

Steven Blazar, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced complaint pertaining to Respondent through its Investigative Committee. The Board makes the following

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since October 5, 1987. Respondent is a graduate of Boston University School of Medicine.
2. The Board was notified by Kent County Memorial Hospital ("Kent") that Respondent had been suspended from its medical staff for 14 days, from December 23, 2020 to January 6, 2021. The suspension was disciplinary in nature.
3. Respondent was suspended for his conduct at Kent on December 17, 2020 while acting as the attending surgeon for a patient under anesthesia for cervical spine surgery, Patient A (alias).
4. Pursuant to its investigation, the Investigative Committee determined that, on the date in question, prior to the commencement of Patient A's surgery, Nurse B (alias) crawled under the operating room table on his hands and knees in order to attach Bovie wires to Patient A. In his written response, Respondent told the Investigative Committee that, while Nurse B was on his hands and knees, "[w]hile [I was] standing next to him, as we bantered and while I was wearing microscopic glasses and a headlight, in jest I placed my foot on his hip/back region. I did not kick or knock him over. I was not angry, frustrated, tired or in any way upset. I was 'kidding around.'"
5. At his March 31, 2021 appearance before the Investigative Committee, Respondent affirmed the substance of his written response and the letter from Kent to him. Respondent recognized and admitted that his actions in the operating room were inappropriate.
6. Nurse B appeared before the Investigative Committee as a fact witness in the instant matter on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
7. The Investigative Committee found Nurse B to be a credible witness and agreed with Nurse B's assessment that there is no place for such behavior in an operating room ever. The Investigative Committee agreed that the hospital took appropriate action and that Respondent's conduct would constitute grounds for action as described in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37.
8. The Investigative Committee concluded, accordingly, that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21).

**Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:**

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to enter into this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and 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;
  - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
  - h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the RIDOH public web site.
4. Respondent agrees to a Reprimand on his license.

5. Respondent, at his own expense, shall complete and successfully pass the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP"), Problem Based Ethics and Boundaries Course ("PROBE"), within 180 days of the ratification of this Consent Order. Respondent shall cause the results thereof to be sent directly to the Board at [DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov) no later than 15 days after completion of the course.

6. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1250.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by check, made payable to "Rhode Island General Treasurer," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to [DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov) within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.

7. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline an administrative hearing. The Director 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, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July [Signature Page Follows] 2021.

  
Steven Blazar, MD

Ratified this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021 by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

   
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