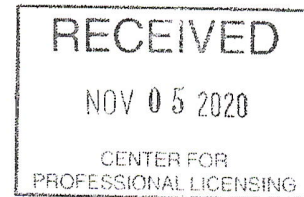


State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF:
Steven Groskin, MD
License No.: MD 12295
Case No.: C200862

CONSENT ORDER

Stephen Groskin, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1975 and has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since March 14, 2007.
2. In August 2018, the Board conducted an audit of licensee CME compliance for the previous licensing cycle, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, which audit revealed that Respondent had not provided any evidence with his renewal application of having earned any of the required 40 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™/AOA Category 1a continuing medical education credits for the licensing cycle.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Respondent represented in his renewal application that he had satisfied the CME requirement.
4. In his written response to the Board, Respondent claimed to have satisfied the CME requirement by completing self-administered CME quizzes in issues of American Family Physicians. At his September 30, 2020 appearance before the Investigative Committee, however,

Respondent admitted that he admitted that the quizzes had never been submitted to the journal for credit.

5. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee concluded that Respondent failed to obtain documentation from the approved sponsoring or co-sponsoring organizations agencies or other, of his participation in a learning experience and the number of dated credits earned, and failed to provide satisfactory evidence of having satisfied the CME requirement set forth in Section 1.5.5(A) of the rules and regulations for Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-05-1) ("Regulations").

6. Section 1.5.5(A) of the Regulations requires that physicians licensed in the State of Rhode Island "earn a minimum of forty (40) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™/AOA Category 1a continuing medical education credits" biannually, that physicians applying for renewal of their licenses must "include evidence satisfactory to the Board of completion of a prescribed program of continuing medical education established by the appropriate medical or osteopathic society," and that "[i]t shall be the sole responsibility of the individual physician to obtain documentation from the approved sponsoring or co-sponsoring organizations, agencies or other, of his or her participation in a learning experience and the number of dated credits earned."

7. The Investigative Committee further concluded, therefore, that Respondent had violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(24), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including "[v]iolating any provision or provisions of [R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37] or the rules and regulations of the board or any rules or regulations promulgated by the director or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the board."


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 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 Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1,100.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "**Rhode Island General Treasurer**," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn: Lauren Lasso. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to DOH.PRCOMPLIANCE@health.ri.gov within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.

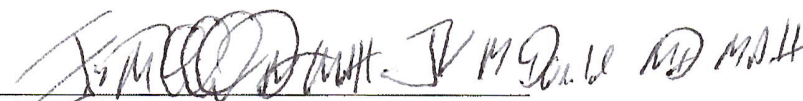
6. Respondent, at his own expense, will earn a minimum 40 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™/AOA Category 1a continuing medical education credits prior to June 1, 2022, in addition to the 40 hours of such credits Respondent must earn by such date pursuant to Section 1.5.5(A) of the Regulations.

7. If Respondent violates any material 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 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2020.


Stephen Groskin MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 18th day of November, 2020.


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