



**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Edward Blanchette M.D. License Number MD 13704**

**BMLD Case Number C15-398**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Edward Blanchette (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island and is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under Rhode Island General Laws chapter 21-28, having both a state Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a licensed physician in Rhode Island and was issued his license on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. His primary specialty is internal medicine; his practice is located at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections in Cranston, Rhode Island.
2. The Board received complaint C15-395 regarding Patient A (alias) regarding care he received while under the care of the Respondent.
3. The investigative committee reviewed the matter and found the medical records lacking minimal and expected elements of a medical record (e.g., vital signs,

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documentation of physical exam, review of past medical, family and social history, documentation of an assessment, plan and differential diagnosis or evidence of medical decision making.

4. The Board finds that Respondent did meet the minimum standard regarding keeping a medical record in so much that the medical record did not reflect evidence of meeting the minimum standards as outlined in section 11.4 of Rules and Regulations.

**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, with respect to the findings referenced in paragraph 3 above, 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;

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- 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.
  - h. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, Federation of State Medical Boards as well as posted on the department's public web site.
4. The Respondent hereby agrees to a Reprimand by the Board based on the findings above and shall submit to Rhode Island General Treasury an administrative fee of \$850 within 60 days of ratification of this order.
5. Respondent agrees to take a minimum eight (8) hour Board approved course in category 1 CME regarding medical records.
6. 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 impose further disciplinary action. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the further discipline. 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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

Edward Blanchette MD  
Edward Blanchette, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2017.

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