

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF PHARMACY

A.H. File No. (HSR) 2008-6

vs.

Leo Blais, RPH  
(RPH02605)

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING NOTICE**

You are hereby notified, pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws (1999 Reenactment), Section 5-19.1-21 and Rhode Island General Laws (1998 Reenactment), Section 42-35-9 that a hearing will be held on the question of whether the Department of Health, Health Services Regulation, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") should revoke or suspend the license to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island or why you should be otherwise disciplined in that Respondent is alleged to have been guilty of unprofessional conduct as set forth in Section 5-19.1-21(11) and Section 24.1 (1) and (11) of the Rules and Regulations adopted thereunder. The Board has good and sufficient cause for said action. The Respondent is the owner and pharmacist of Pawtuxet Valley Prescription Center in Coventry, Rhode Island. A routine inspection of said facility on October 22, 2007 by the Department of Health found the following:

- a) Outdated, unusable or mislabeled...medication shall be segregated to ensure that no such medication or products are dispensed;
- b) Misbranded drugs;
- c) Top 10 Drug List is not posted;
- d) No adequately trained pharmacist for compounding medications;
- e) No proper identification of pharmacists (name/designation);
- f) Policies and Procedures not available;
- g) Technician training program documentation not available;

- h) Technician training for compounding technicians;
- i) No inventory of controlled substances at change of PIC;
- j) No biennial inventory on premises;
- k) Compounding in limited quantities – no validated RX history of stock preparation/bath processing
- l) No Certificate of Analysis for non-USP/NF bulk products;  
And No established expiration dates for bulk products/active ingredients with only "Packaged On" dates.

Pursuant to Section 5-19.1-21(11) and Section 24.1 (1) and (11) of the Regulations, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Island and, as such, is grounds for disciplinary action.

You are hereby given the opportunity for a hearing on the question of whether your pharmacy license should be revoked, suspended, or why you should be otherwise disciplined. Said hearing will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Room 205 (conference room) Cannon Building, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 42-35 of the General Laws and the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Practices and Procedures Before the Department of Health", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. This is a contested hearing at which you have the right to appear personally or by counsel, or both, to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf and to cross-examine witnesses.

If you fail to appear at said hearing, the Hearing Officer will hear evidence regarding the alleged unprofessional conduct and will then enter an administrative order based thereon.

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 14, 2008



Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN  
Chief  
Health Professions Regulation

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Administrative Hearing Notice was mailed by regular and certified mail to Leo Blais, c/o Pawtuxet Valley Prescription Center, 59 Sandy Bottom Road, Coventry RI 02816 on this 14 day of November 2008.

