

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Natalie Martinez

Date: 10/15/2020

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Benita Martinez

License number of the defendant: 590892

Date action was taken against the license: 11/08/2016

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Use the space below to describe the events which led to action taken against the license. If multiple charges were in play, be sure and cite them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, forfeiture on student loans, etc.

Charge I: On or about April 19, 2016, Benita Martinez failed to turn the bed alarm back on after turning it off earlier in the morning when she repositioned the patient, who was on fall precautions. The patient informed the nurse at 0700 that he wanted to get out of bed. Six minutes later, the patient was found face down on his room floor, a Code Blue was called, and the patient expired.

Charge II: On or about May 15, 2016, Benita Martinez failed to wear gloves or wash her hands prior to performing a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line dressing change on Patient.

Use the space below to provide a description of measures you think could have prevented any action being taken against the license and/or would have prevented harm to the patient, if harm occurred.

Nurse Benita Martinez failed to use the Universal Competencies in both charges. For Charge I, she failed the safety and security of the patient. To prevent the harm of the patient and her license, Benita should have completed the RED rules along with the 4 P's (pain, potty, positioning, possessions). For Charge II, Benita should have performed the dressing change using the standard precautions. She should review policy and procedure if she is not sure the proper way to change dressings.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first to person to discover the event described, in other words, you are the one who discovers the patient has been harmed by the nurse or you have discovered the impairment or criminal activity cited in the disciplinary action.

I would start CPR while yelling for help. Then, I would document how I found the patient and what I did to help. Next, I would report the failure to use aseptic technique and patient safety to the supervisor.