

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment #3

Defendant: Kevin Badon

Registered Nurse License Number: 724665

Date action was taken against the license: January 15th, 2009

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

Between the dates of March 20th, 2006 through October 27th, 2007 there was documentation of Mr. Badon withdrawing multiple medications such as Morphine, Diphenhydramine, and Xanax from the medication dispensing system (Pyxis) without physician's orders and without proper documentation of administering each medication. There were 82 listed occurrences of Mr. Badon's ID withdrawing medication without documentation of administering or wasting. In response to the findings against him, Mr. Badon states that any errors were done without his knowledge or participation. As the charge nurse, he was responsible for any new nurses to the emergency department he was over, and in that position since new nurses weren't assigned their own ID for the pyxis system they used their preceptor's code. With this practice, many of the nurses in the department knew Mr. Badon's code for dispensing medications. Mr. Badon believes that, if the allegations were true, it was another nurse using his code to dispense and divert medications. He also voluntarily submitted a drug screening that came back negative. Mr. Badon's supervisors did not believe that he was diverting or misappropriating any medications.

This is an unfortunate example of why giving out your login information for medication dispensing systems is unsafe practice. Allowing other nurses to dispense medications under your name can obviously get you in trouble for things that you did not do. Mr. Badon should have taken better care of how he conducted himself and giving out his login ID. Even with as busy of a job of a charge nurse of an emergency department is, there's always time to ensure proper medication dispensing and administration. He should have taken the time to observe any medications being taken out under his ID, instead of simply giving his information and allowing other nurses to do as they pleased under his login. Perhaps the hospital needs to create some type of policy allowing new nurses in the department to have a temporary, maybe limited ID for the pyxis with approval from a secondary more senior nurse to dispense medications instead of using the preceptor's ID.

If I were the nurse to realize there had been numerous medications withdrawn from the Pyxis without documentation of administering, I would notify the supervisor on shift. I don't believe I would confront the person who's ID the medications had been dispensed under since I would not want to make a scene in the professional environment where we work, nor would I have the proper authority to handle the situation alone.