

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brynne Barker

Date: 10/23/20

DAS Assignment #4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Shirley Rose Taylor

License number of the defendant: RN 634934

Date action was taken against the license: 7/21/2011

Type of action taken against the license: Warning

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.

Taylor was working as a home health nurse when she performed outside of her scope of practice and removed a scab and performed wound care on a patient without a physician's orders. Also, she performed outside of her scope of practice again a few months later when she applied triple antibiotic ointment (TAO) to the right groin donor site of her patient without a physician's orders. After she performed these skills on this patient, she failed to document what had occurred.

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.

If Taylor had followed physician's orders and not performed wound care outside her scope of practice, she would not be in this position. She should have followed protocol and if she had noticed anything wrong with the wound or donor site during her assessment, she should have notified the physician first. Also, she should know you must document everything or else it essentially means you did not do it.

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.

If I had discovered that the nurse had performed wound care without a physician's order, I would inform my charge nurse/manager. I would also reassure the patient I am doing everything in my power to keep him/her safe and healthy. If I was the nurse in this situation, I would not have performed wound care on a patient without a physician's orders. During my assessment, if I had noticed the wound needed care or the donor site needed ointment or the patient was experiencing any type of pain or discomfort, I would have notified the physician.

