

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ian Canono

Date: 10/24/2020

DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Janet Jones Brandon

License number of the defendant: 604239

Date action was taken against the license: 01/11/2012

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education

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.

Ms. Brandon while working as a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Tx had committed multiple medication administration errors with Insulin on or about July 24, 2009 through July 25, 2009. The first incident occurred on July 24, 2009, Ms. Brandon failed to administer the correct Insulin and the correct dose of insulin, she administered 15 units of Novolin Insulin which is a long acting insulin for blood glucose reading of 246 instead 10 units of insulin, as ordered by the Primary Care Physician. The second incident occurred the next day on July 25, 2009, Ms. Brandon administered 20 units of Novolin Insulin for a blood sugar reading at 319 instead of 20 units of Novolog Insulin as ordered by the Primary Care Physician. After 2 hours she also failed to give insulin at a blood glucose level greater than 300 per the order of the physician. Ms. Brandon also stated that she had another nurse double check the Insulin brand, dose and expiration date, that she also self-reported the error as soon as she became aware of it and she also contacted the resident on call of the error and she also attempted to contact the patient's endocrinologist.

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.

When administering medication to a patient it is very important to pay attention to your 7 rights of medication administration which are right person, right medication, right dose, right time, right route, route documentation and right reason. When preparing a medication for a patient it is also important for a nurse to verify the medication on the Provider's order and the eMAR. Especially insulin medication it must be prepared carefully with the right units according to the patient's blood glucose level that is why before preparing a second nurse has to verify the amount of dose to be given because giving the wrong dose can be detrimental to the patient and can lead to death. If Ms. Brandon followed the 7 rights of medication administration and carefully checked the providers order and the eMAR on what the dosage is depending on the patient's glucose level could have prevented any further actions taken against her license.

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.

As being the first nurse to discovering a patient is being harmed and or discovering impairment or criminal activity of this disciplinary action, it is just right to immediately report it to the Nurse Manager and Charge Nurse so that they can take appropriate actions for the situation.