

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Nadia Balderas
(1-4)

Date: 10/25/2020

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Janice Gail Corkill, RN.
628251

License number of the defendant:

Date action was taken against the license: 07/21/2011

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

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.

On January 7, while employed in the NICU, at Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas Texas, the defendant told an infant to "shut the hell up." When the infant continued to cry, the defendant placed a wadded dry mesh towelette in his mouth and told him, "here suck on this." The infant still continued to cry, and the nurse proceeded to use her hand to cover his mouth with the towelette still in his mouth. The defendant exposed the infant to an unnecessary risk of harm from medical complications as a result from his inability to breathe.

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.

The nurse should have never placed anything in the infant's mouth because he was crying. She should have been more patient and tried to soothe him instead of causing him more distress. If she was frustrated with the infant, she should have asked another nurse for assistance.

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 of intervened, removing the towelette from the infant's mouth and removed him from the nurse's care. Followed by informing the charge nurse.