

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Nikaele McCoy

Date: 12/3/2020

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Sharon Kay Shaum RN

License number of the defendant: 573590

Date action was taken against the license: 9/16/2016

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender of License

The RN surrendered her license due to charges of multiple failure to carry out physician orders and placing patients in situations for potential injury as a result and medication error. On one occasion, the RN failed to obtain labs for a pre-operative patient for a MRSA screen and Basic Metabolic Panel, requiring the patient to return to the hospital for labs. The patient tested positive for MRSA and did not receive the appropriate medication prior to surgery. On another occasion with a different patient, the RN administered Oxycontin 20mg when the physician order called for Oxycontin 10mg.

These errors could have been prevented by closer attention to detail. The RN should have been keeping up to date with patient's chart and physician orders for pre-operative work up prior to surgery in a timely manner to maintain the safety of the patient. The RN could have implemented the medication administration safety protocols to prevent a medication error. The RN should have verified the physician's orders once they were placed, again at the dispensing room and a third time at the patient's bedside prior to administration.

I believe a prudent nurse would step in and inform the charge nurse that the pre-operative patient did not get the necessary lab work completed ordered by the physician over the patient's care. The nurse could make sure the patient gets the necessary work up prior to surgery. I also believe the prudent nurse would inform the ordering physician of the medication error along with current patient vitals to see what the interventions the physician would like to be completed for patient.