

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name:

Date: 12/6/2020

DAS Assignment # 1

Alyssa Bond (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Rose Marie M. Abel (RN)

License number of the defendant: 230656

Date action was taken against the license: 7/25/2011

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.*

- Registered nurse, Rose Abel had plenty of experience working as a nurse. She had been a medical/surgical staff nurse, rehabilitation nurse, radiation oncology nurse, and at the time of the incident she was working as a surgery pavilion staff nurse all at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. She had been working as a surgery pavillion nurse for 2 years and 5 months so she knew what she was doing was wrong. On or about September 9, 2008 Rose had a patient that was already upset and unhappy that the physician ordered for a third specimen to check potassium of the pt. prior to surgery. Instead of doing a new venipuncture Rose used a pair of forceps to remove a syringe from a sharps container that contained blood that she possibly had obtained earlier from the patient to repeat the potassium check. She did say that the syringe was stuck in the lid of the container, so it had not dropped down into the collection container. This exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from medical complications as a result of an improper collection of lab specimens. The patient's surgery proceeded as scheduled without the proper specimen. Notice was served in accordance with law, had violations of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. Admin. Code 217.11(1)(A), (1)(C), (1)(D), & (1)(O) and Texas Admin. Code 217.12(1)(A), (1)(B) & 4. They revoked the Respondents license to practice nursing in the State of Texas. She also could not practice outside of Texas. Within one year she did have to complete

and obtain Board approval of several remedial education classes before getting her license back.

*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 patient was already upset and unhappy but I still think there could have been plenty of ways to prevent this action. The nurse that took the specimen earlier in the day should've made sure that the syringe dropped all the way down into the sharps container without it getting stuck. On a different note, she could've sat down and done patient teaching with good communication, explaining to the patient that the specimen was needed to have a safe surgery and to prevent future harm. She even could've given him some time and came back to try again. Another way to prevent this could've been to verify the physician's order again, and call them and explain what is going on and if the specimen needed to be taken again. She also should've notified her charge nurse and told her that the patient was not complying. She should've not let the surgery go as proceeded, because it could've been really bad.

*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 could first talk to her face to face and ask her about what was going on. I would advise her (if it's not too late) to fix her mistake and notify the charge nurse and the physician that ordered the specimen of what she did. As soon as possible I would notify my charge nurse of the incident, and tell them everything I knew regarding the situation. I would hope we could've done this all before the surgery, so we could prevent future harm.