

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brooke Lindsay

Date: 12/6/20

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Fatima Roohi Alam

License number of the defendant: 608764

Date action was taken against the license: 4/25/2015

Type of action taken against the license: failed to perform an ordered assessment of the fundus, lochia and perineum to patient number 85090697, who was two (2) days post vaginal delivery.

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.

- Respondent falsified an assessment stating "Within Normal Limits" in the medical record of the aforementioned patient, during documentation of an assessment of the fundus, lochia and perineum, though she never entered the patient's room to perform the assessment. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and exposed the patient to the risk of harm in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to provide further care. Due to the respondent's "assessment" the patient was exposed to a risk of experiencing clinical complications such as hemorrhage and/or patient demise.

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.

- I think the respondent should have done the proper assessment of the fundus, lochia and the perineum, and not falsified it, therefore it would have minimized any extra harm or complications to the patient. The assessment should not have stated "within normal limits" if the respondent didn't actually go into the room to assess the patient.

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 be discreet and let the nurse supervisor or the charge nurse know so they can take care of the issue.