

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # \_\_1\_\_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Amelia Enriquez

License number of the defendant: 177656

Date action was taken against the license: 3/20/2012

Type of action taken against the license: License Revocation

*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.*

Charge 1: withdrew narcotic but failed to document administration of medication and signs, symptoms and responses to medications.

Charge 2: withdrew narcotic but failed to properly waste unused portions

Charge 3: misappropriated medication

Charge 4: tampered with vials of controlled medications deceiving and likely to defraud the facility and patients

Charge 5: tampered with packaging of controlled medication, misappropriated 6 tablets of norco and replaced them with Sudafed PE and taped the package back together

Charge 6: failed to provide adequate care to a patient in that the patient did not receive adequate pain control and the patient ended up needing more medications to account for the harm caused by giving the patient Sudafed pe instead of pain medication

This nurse was drug diverting and not only did the patients not get their proper pain medication but they then had to be treated for increased heart rate and blood pressure due to being given Sudafed pe when it was not needed.

*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 do not think there was anything this nurse could have done differently other than not drug divert, because she knew she was stealing patients medications and did not think or care about how it was effecting those patients. I think the facility or whoever was in charge should have a better narcotic counting policy and withdrawing policy of controlled substances in place. They could also audit the charts and go back and ask patients about their experience with their pain management.

*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.*

If I was the nurse who found that the patient had be harmed I would first make sure the patient was currently okay and stable, then report it to my charge nurse then the director of my unit. I would take these actions immediately as patient harm in anyway is unacceptable and by me reporting immediately more patient harm could be prevented.