

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alexi Vigil

Date: 05/01/2021

DAS Assignment #_1__(1-4)

Name of the defendant: Susan Dawn Ferguson

License number of the defendant: 789084

Date action was taken against the license: 06/09/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

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 I: Failure to assess and monitor- RN failed to notify physician of a significant change in patient condition, including agitation, increased confusion, disorientation, disrobing, yelling for help, and multiple falls. This gave the physician zero time to institute any timely medical interventions to stabilize patient.

Charge II: Failure to assess and monitor- RN failed to assess vital signs and oxygen saturation and patient was found on floor after multiple falls. RN assessed for injuries, provided incontinence care, and left patient on the floor with a pillow and blanket. Later, staff found patient unresponsive and in respiratory distress.

Charge III: Resuscitated patient with DNR for two minutes.

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.

Measures I think that could have prevented any action being taken against the license, and or, prevent harm to the patient is simply assessing the patient. Also, following hospital policy and procedures when it comes to DNRs.

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.

First, I think a prudent nurse would assess the patient in the condition they are in. Then, once the patient seems to be stable, they would call the physician to let them know about their patient. Also, they would notify their nurse manager of the care that was being provided by their fellow colleague.