

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alexi Vigil

Date: 05/02/2021

DAS Assignment # ___4___ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Stephanie Dawn Kennedy

License number of the defendant: 901557

Date action was taken against the license: June 23, 2020

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.

Charge 1- Failure to follow policy and procedures for wastage of the unused portions of the medications. RN withdrew Dilaudid from dispensing system but failed to follow policy and procedures for wasting of medication.

Charge 2- Medication error of RN giving Verapamil, a blood pressure medication, instead of Versed, a sedative. It wasn't until the RN and a witness attempted to waste the medication that they both noticed she had withdrawn Verapamil.

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 that could have been taken to prevent action being taken against the license would be keeping up to date with policies and procedures for unused drugs and the procedures to waste them. Another measure can be taken for medication errors, make sure to check the orders with the medication pulled at least three times.

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.

A prudent nurse in this situation would have reminded the RN of the policies and procedures for wasting a medication before it was given. For the medication error, an action a prudent nurse would take is making sure that the physician knows that the wrong medication was given, and making sure that the charge nurse and nurse manager know what mistake the nurse made.