

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Whitney Gould      Date: May 7, 2021      DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Brandon Austin      License number of the defendant: 831088

Date action was taken against the license: August 12, 2014

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.*

Brandon Austin's license was revoked for the likely cause of physical, emotional, and/or psychological harm to the patient. This was due to the nurse clenching the back of the patient's neck with one hand and opening their mouth with the other without the patient's mother's consent. The nurse also instructed a nurse tech to hold down the patient's arms while the nurse forcefully inserted Tylenol into the back of the patient's throat without giving the patient breaks to breathe.

*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 believe this incident could have been prevented if the nurse demonstrated proper medication administration. Properly educating the patient and family about the medication could have possibly made the patient more receptive to taking the medication. Also, I believe if the nurse tech would have intervened by telling someone of higher authority what they were being asked to do, the situation wouldn't have escalated so drastically.

*Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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 would not intervene, but notify someone of higher authority such as a charge nurse or nurse manager immediately upon discovering the event taking place. The prudent nurse would also write an RL solution to raise awareness about this incident to prevent it from happening again.