

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Taylor Boyd Date: 05/08/2021

DAS Assignment # _1_____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Iris Vanessa Acevedo

License number of the defendant: 703462

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

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand with stipulations

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.

Mrs. Acevedo administered intravenous Heparin to a patient instead of Hespan. Heparin is an anticoagulant and Hespan is used to increase blood volume, Hespian was ordered to treat the patients critically low blood pressure. This caused the patients bleeding to increase. When complications presented Mrs. Acevedo failed to correctly check the medication, failed to inform the charge nurse of her error, and failed to document correctly. All these things led to the disciplinary action.

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.

The RN should've checked her med on the orders, at the pyxis, and at the EMAR before administration, she would've caught her mistake. STAT does mean STAT but that doesn't take away from being safe. And when complications arose that should've also raised some red flags as to what is going on and what is the problem, especially being that the med she was supposed to give wasn't to have those effects on the patient.

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.

If I was the prudent nurse that discovered a patient has been harmed, I probably would take quick action to bring that patient back to safety. I'd get with the charge nurse or the unit director immediately but I'd also fill in the RN who is caring for that patient.