

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kambree Irvin

Date: 5/7/21

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Name of the defendant: Erin Nicole Curry

License number of the defendant: 835038

Date action was taken against the license: January 16, 2016

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.*

Erin Curry did not notify the doctor that the patient's blood pressure had elevated and that they were vomiting. Both of these conditions are symptoms of intracranial pressure. By ignoring these symptoms, the patient could've suffered complications of undetected worsening subdural hematoma, coma, or death. This nurse also did not complete the neurological assessments on the patient every four hours as she was ordered to. The patient also had no recorded rest throughout the day as he/she was evaluated by multiple different providers.

*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.*

If the nurse would've checked the patient's vitals more often, then she could've prevented their blood pressure from becoming so elevated. If she paid attention to the rising blood pressure, she could've called the doctor and asked for something to lower the blood pressure, then the doctor would've been aware of the patient's situation. If she would've noticed the patient was vomiting, she could've looked further into what was causing it and let the physician know. Anytime a patient starts vomiting out of nowhere it should raise some suspicion. By not doing her assessments every four hours, she didn't know if the patient had a change in mental status. If this nurse would've cared for her patient more and notified the doctor, then she could've prevented the action that was taken against her.

*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 were to discover the patient in the condition he/she was in, I would've first informed the charge nurse and then the charge nurse will call the doctor. The charge nurse will also talk to the nurse being questioned and tell him/her what they should've done. An RN should always inform the charge nurse if they think a patient is being mistreated or not receiving quality care.

