

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

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Date: 5/14/21

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Anthony Ray Blades

License number of the defendant: 567310

Date action was taken against the license: January 21, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: Warning 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.

November 25, 2012, a patient came into the Emergency Room at Lyndon B Johnson General Hospital with elevated blood pressure, left shoulder pain, loss of balance, and unable to hold objects in right hand. All of these symptoms are signs of possible stroke. This nurse assigned the patient to non-priority list and had them return to the waiting room. It was determined the patient suffered an AC stroke. Mr. Blades had exposed the patient to harm and possible death from delayed care. On January 20, 2013, another patient came into the same ER with a pulse rate of 154. The nurse failed to document that the patient's vital signs had been reassessed. This resulted in an incomplete medical record and possible injury to the patient due to incomplete information. Then on February 21, 2013, this nurse failed to identify a patient as a trauma patient. The patient had swelling to the back of his head and the nurse failed to initiate trauma protocol. The patient was diagnosed with subdural hemorrhage and the actions this nurse took exposed the patient to risk of harm or possible demise.

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.

This nurse could've paid more attention to his patients' symptoms and relied on his critical thinking skills to determine these patients needed a higher level of care. As a nurse, you should have knowledge of symptoms caused by stroke, trauma, or hemorrhages, especially working in the emergency room. The emergency room can get busy, but when patients come in with these symptoms, the nurse should do a more in-depth assessment. Assessing these patients' symptoms more carefully could've prevented this nurse from the action taken against him. If the nurse wasn't sure about the symptoms, he could've asked another nurse for a second opinion.

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 had noticed this nurse wasn't assessing his patients to the best of his ability, I would've reported it to the charge nurse. I could also offer to help assess this nurses' patients or give him advice on some of the conditions that could be causing the symptoms. I could also advise them to follow all protocols to make sure the patient isn't at risk of harm.