

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Cathelina Bowers

License number of the defendant: 769997

Date action was taken against the license: December 10, 2013

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand with Stipulations

On 4/10/12, Cathelina Bowers failed to diagnose her 13 month patient after feeling they were cold to the touch and a temperature was taken. Another RN assessed the same infant a little over 5 hours later, and immediately sent them to the Texas Children's Hospital. On 4/11/12, Bowers failed to give PRBCs to an 80yo patient in a timely manner, and her patient expired before the PRBCs were ever administered. She also failed to document the change in condition of that patient when receiving low blood pressures. On 4/11/12, Bowers also failed to follow the chain of command when the assigned physician did not respond due to a change in condition of her patient.

In order for Bowers to have protected her license she should've paid more attention to the infant feeling cold to the touch. Instead of just taking a temperature, she should've figured out what might be causing this in the infant instead of letting the family sit around for 5 hours before being transferred to another hospital. Bowers 80yo patient might've not died in that hospital stay if he would've gotten the PRBCs in a timely manner. Not only did Bowers fail to administer them, she failed to document his change in condition. Bowers could've protected her license by documenting correctly. Bowers also could've prevented any measures taken against her license by following the chain of command after a failed response from the physician. Over these few days, Bowers did very little to protect her license and keep her patients safe.

Within all of these findings, as a prudent nurse it would be important to notify your charge nurse about the situation, and if a patient is a grave danger do whatever you can to help that patient. For example, I would notify the charge nurse that Bowers is not administering the PRBCs ordered for a patient who needs them soon, and I would get permission to go start those PRBCs myself in order to keep the patient as safe as possible.