

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Rachel Myers      Date: 8/7/2021      DAS Assignment #   2   (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Amy Elise Beddingfield      License number of the defendant: 825241

Date action was taken against the license: 8/19/2014

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.*

Charge 1: (6/22-7/17/2013) Respondent withdrew 4 Hydrocodone 7.5/325 mg tablets, 9 hydrocodone 10/325 mg tablets, and 22 hydrocodone 5/325 mg tablets for patients without valid physicians orders

Charge 2: (6/22-7/17/2013) Respondent withdrew 4 Hydrocodone 7.5/325 mg tablets, 9 hydrocodone 10/325 mg tablets, and 22 Hydrocodone 5/325 mg tablets for patients, and failed to document the administration of the medications, or accurately and completely document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Record and/or nurses notes

Charge 3: (6/18-7/17/2013) Respondent withdrew 1 Morphine 4 mg injection, 1 Morphine 10 mg injection, 1 Hydromorphone 2 mg injection, 2 Fentanyl 100 mcg ampules, 2 Lorazepam 2 mg injections, 4 Hydrocodone 7.5/325 mg tablets, 6 Hydrocodone 10/325 mg tablets, and 22 Hydrocodone 5/325 mg tablets for patients but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications

Charge 4: (6/18-7/18/2013) Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone, Morphine, Fentanyl, and Lorazepam belonging to the facility and patients of that facility or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.

Charge 5: (7/18/2013) Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Hydrocodone and Hydromorphone in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which produced a positive result for Hydrocodone (1914 ng/mL) and Hydromorphone (862 ng/mL)

*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 think if there were more pop-ups and restrictions that hospitals put on narcotics, there would be less opportunities for nurses to misappropriate narcotics and other drugs. However, I know that this is not always possible so I believe that if the goal was truly to help this nurse keep her license, I think it would be prudent to first send her to rehab or a similar program. I do think, though, that it would not be wise to allow her in patient contact situations until the narcotic abuse situation has been addressed.

*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.*

As the first person to discover this drug issue, I would first discuss it with Amy. I would explain my concerns to her and if she did not make any changes, I would discuss it with my charge nurse and/or the unit's leadership. At that point, I would allow the leadership to bring it up the chain of command until the issue is resolved.