

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ryan Duncan

Date: 10/02/2021

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Kathryn Rene Mullis

License number of the defendant: 716409

Date action was taken against the license: 04/5/2017

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with stipulation, compliance with law, remedial education courses, employment requirements, and restoration of unencumbered license.

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.

On August 24, 2016, the nurse failed to update the insulin change in the patient's medical record. The patient received three incorrect doses. On September 23, the nurse used a different dressing for wound care than the one the physician ordered. The nurse also failed to take the patient's vital signs but documented that she had.

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. Consider which universal competencies were violated.

If what the nurse claims is true, the physician's name should have been given to her by the hospice nurse. Since the order was complete, she should have called the hospice agency to verify the order. On September 23, the nurse should have used the dressing the physician ordered and assured the patient that it would promote faster healing. If the patient refused to have his vitals taken, she should have documented his refusal immediately, before moving on to other tasks.

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 another nurse discovered what happened on August 24, she should ensure that the order be verified with the physician immediately. Once verified, the order should be put into the patient's medical record. For the two incidents on September 23, she should change the dressing to the correct one and ensure that the documentation is corrected. A new set of vital signs may be necessary.