

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Leann Hill Date: 10/8/2021 DAS Assignment # 2(1-4)

Name of the defendant: Best, Valerie License number of the defendant: 536756

Date action was taken against the license: March 8, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: revocation

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.

Mrs. Best committed the following actions that ultimately led to the revocation to her license: she failed to comply with an agreed order in regards to her license, she failed to comply with a physicians order in a timely fashion to reconnect a monitor to a patient, and she failed to follow established policy and procedure when she instructed a nursing assistant to gag a patient while medicated. The patient mouth was taped, and the tape was wrapped around the patient's head. She also wrote a verbal order to change the amount of heparin administered to a patient without the consent or consultation of the physician, she fell asleep during the dialysis treatment of her patient and was observed, on several occasions, with her head down and eyes closed which could have resulted in the delay of patient services.

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.

In my opinion, Mrs. Best could have structured her time better in order to comply with attending to her patient in a "timely fashion" or she could have reached out to one of her fellow nurses for help. I have no idea why on earth she felt the authority to gag a patient, but this choice in patient care disturbs me. She should have not done this at all. She did not have the authority to change a prescription order and although she may have been correct in the change, she should have presented her concern and recommendation to the physician. When it comes to her sleeping on the job, I would have requested time off, simply put. There is no reason for a nurse to work themselves to exhaustion when given the choice. Mrs. Best violated the following universal competencies: professional interactions, the 7 rights of medication admin, promoting trust and respect, communication, critical thinking, human caring, and her professional role as a nurse.

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.

A prudent nurse would have reported her just like they did. I would have voiced my concern to the charge nurse immediately. In the gagging situation, I would have never gaged the patient just because she requested that I did. No one in their right mind should do that.