

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brittney Miller

Date: 10/17/2021

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Amy Elise Beddingfield

License number of the defendant: 825241

Date action was taken against the license: 19 – August – 2014

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Amy Beddingfield withdrew narcotics, over the span of almost a month, for patients without an order from the physician. She also did not accurately document her administering it to her patients. During this same time frame, she also removed many controlled substances and did not document the wastage from the medication. She also misappropriated the medications and it was assumed for personal use. She was drug screened and tested positive for hydrocodone and hydromorphone.

I think with it being controlled substances, there should have been some sort of notification sooner that there was not any wastage when there should have been. I also believe it should have notified the pharmacy that there was medication being taken without their being an order from it for the pyxis. You cannot stop someone from trying to take medication though, you can only make it harder to help deter them. I feel like this violates a couple of the universal competencies. For one, the patient's safety and security are at risk. According to the records, she gave out medications to patients that were not prescribed by a physician. This could have seriously harmed the patient. There may have been reasons why the physician had chosen not to prescribe those. Also, she did not document any wastage. So, either she gave the patients more medication than what they were prescribed which could lead to an overdose or she was taking it for herself. Both ways the patient is in danger. If she was taking them for herself, it can seriously affect her ability to care and take care of her patients. Her judgement is severely compromised when under the influence of narcotics. She also violated documentation when she did not document any wastage. I also feel this kind of falls under professional role performance. She has a duty as a nurse to be professional and I feel that a part of that is remaining drug free and also free from any influence from narcotics. She did not uphold professional standards with the medication.

If I would have been the first to discover this, I think depending on the situation there are a couple of routes. One would be to ensure the patient is okay and not experiencing an overdose. Especially with the narcotics, since they can cause respiratory depression. Next, I would notify the charge nurse of what I had witnessed and trust them to handle the situation. Also, possibly notify the manager as well.