

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Meredith Edwards    Date: December 3,2021    DAS Assignment #1

Name of the defendant: Alysha Michele Alexander    License number of the defendant: 701399

Date action was taken against the license: 07/25/2019

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand with Stipulations

*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.*

The defendant had multiple charges listed in their legal documentation. The charges listed are as follows: failure to ensure there was a signed consent for a cystoscopy laser lithotripsy procedure, failure to accurately and completely label a blood specimen, failure to assess and document vitals signs of a patient as ordered by the physician, failure to assess and document chest tube drainage post lung biopsy, failure to document or assess patient pulses post-surgery, failure to assess and document vital signs and Aldrete score, failure to report and assess the behavior of a patient to determine bed restraints, failure to accurately document the oxygen rate and method of delivery for a patient, and failure to accurately document the dermatome levels of a patient. The nurse received a Reprimand with Stipulations sanction.

*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.*

I feel that some measures that could have helped prevent putting a patient at risk would have been further or bi-annual training for documentation, shadowing the nurse, weekly meetings to ensure the nurse's understanding of documentation, and suspension of employment of the nurse once they identified more than one of the failures listed above. This nurse violated many safety universal competencies throughout her charges in this case. The defendant could of at any time had a patient become extremely ill due to her neglect and lack of precision. I also feel that the hospital could learn from this ongoing failure to document and assess by implementing a system within documentation to remind staff to properly report and assess their findings.

*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 I were the nurse to discover another nurse being neglectful and ignoring policy I would, whether they were my friend or not, report them to my charge nurse and nurse director. A nurse's job is to keep their patients safe and be a healing hand. I understand that we all make mistakes from time to time but within a year in 4 months

this nurse had multiple charges that all were failures to provide proper care. I could not have a clear conscience knowing that I had been neglectful in this manner. In the legal document it states that the nurse states the charges are "baseless and not supported by credible evidence." In my opinion if you make a mistake you need to own up to it.