

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Patricia McDonald

License number of the defendant: 758229

Date action was taken against the license: February 9th, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Charge 1 Drug Diversion

Respondent falsely documented that she wasted two Percocet tablets and replaced them with acetaminophen tablets and wasted those instead. Respondent admitted that she took the two percocet tablets for her own personal use.

Charge 2 Drug Diversion

Respondent engaged in the use of marijuana and opiates in that Respondent produced a specimen for a reasonable cause urine drug screen that resulted positive for marijuana and opiates.

Charge 3 Impairment

Respondent was observed exhibiting impaired behavior including: fatigue, fidgeting, frequently leaving the unit, and quickly changing from alert to somnolent.

Charges 4-6 Documentation

Respondent withdrew Morphine from the medication dispensing system but failed to document.

The respondent should have been closely monitored after being observed exhibiting impaired behavior. The misuse of medications that were recorded from the dispensing system, if caught early on, could have prevented the many charges of abuse.

Being a prudent nurse, I would have reported the impaired behavior immediately to the chain of command. If the respondent continued to work, she would be closely monitored due to the fact that she had several charges of medication misuse.