

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jaedynne Pesina

Date: 5/5/2022

DAS Assignment # ___1___ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Judith Young

License number of the defendant: RN 793986

Date action was taken against the license: 6/2/2014

Type of action taken against the license: Volunteer Surrender

On August 12th, 2012, Mrs. Young's patient's blood glucose levels came in at fifty-nine. Mrs. Young did not assess the patient, document the patient's condition, and did not notify the physician. Instead, she went ahead and gave the patient 6 units of insulin half of the physician's order. She also did not tell the next nurse after her shift ended about the patient's blood glucose levels. The patient died the next day. Mrs. Young chose to voluntarily surrender her license on June 2nd, 2014 without a trial after she was formally charged on November 19th, 2013.

The patient's death could have been prevented if Mrs. Young had stopped and thought about the patient's condition. Since insulin lowers blood glucose levels, she should have recognized that not only was the patient already facing hypoglycemia but administering more insulin would only hurt the patient more. Mrs. Young should have realized that she needed to hold the insulin and notified the physician. Furthermore, she should have checked in on the patient to assess for signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia. If she had told the next nurse about the patient's lab work, that nurse could have corrected her mistakes, told the physician, and have helped the patient. Mrs. Young did not communicate with her team.

If I had discovered that Mrs. Young had given the patient insulin despite their low glucose levels and did not report it or monitor the patient, the first thing I would do is tell the charge nurse or physician. Then, I would go to the patient and assess them myself. I would look for the signs of hypoglycemia and used the Accu-Chek to test their blood glucose levels after receiving six units of insulin. After receiving orders from the physician, I would follow the hypoglycemic protocol like administering Glucagon.