

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Megan Hennig**

Date: **May 6, 2022**

DAS Assignment # **2**

Name of the defendant: **Tammy Lynn Bennett-Baker**

License number of the defendant: **810282**

Date action was taken against the license: **March 21, 2017**

Type of action taken against the license: **Warning 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.

In this incident the patient fell, and the nurse failed to report to the physician about the fall. The patient suffered bruising on to their left leg due to the fall, yet the nurse still administered the patient's Coumadin. The nurse also failed to document the fall correctly by stating in one document that there were not any injuries and in another documenting the bruising on the left leg. The nurse also stated the patient did not suffer from any pain, however the assistant stated to the nurse that the patient was complaining of pain.

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.

Had the nurse reported the fall to the patient's physician, she could have been instructed on what actions to take next such as holding the Coumadin or the patient needing to be seen at the hospital for x-rays. The patient's pain could have been helped had she checked with the patient on her pain level.

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.

When seeing the patient had taken a fall, I would immediately call for help from other caregivers so that I would be able to call and notify the physician of the fall. From there I would take the next steps that were given to ensure the patient's safety and health.