

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alexandra Redman Date: 5-13-2022 DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Fatima Nicole Brown License number of the defendant: 772938

Date action was taken against the license: July 12, 2013

Type of action taken against the license: Enforced suspension

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.

1. On October 15, 2010 through October 19, 2010, Mrs. Brown withdrew Lorazepam and Promethazine for two patients but did not waste the unused portion of the medication. The EMAR showed no waste even though the Lorazepam was a 2mg/1mL vial and only 0.5mg was documented being administered. The vial of Promethazine was labeled 25mg and only 12.5mg was administered with no waste documented. This would be a lack of documentation.
2. On October 19, 2010, Mrs. Brown administered Lorazepam and did not document the administration of the medication along with the signs, symptoms, and responses to the medication administered. This would be considered lack of documentation and a health violation.

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.

Any time a nurse is withdrawing a narcotic, there must be a witness present for the drawer count and to witness the wastage of the medication. Mrs. Brown should have called in another nurse to the medication room to have her witness the medication being wasted. Documentation should have also been done immediately after. If you didn't document it, you didn't do it.

Anytime we administer a medication, we need to come back at least 15-30 minutes later to check on the patient. Not all patients react the same way to medications so it's important to do a follow up and check for any adverse reactions. Mrs. Brown should have checked on her patient after administering the medication and charted her findings so the nurse taking over after would know if that medication is safe to administer to that patient again.

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 to see Mrs. Brown retrieving a narcotic and wasting it without a witness, I would step in and offer to be the witness and help her out. If I continued to see it happening, I would let a charge nurse know.

If I were the nurse getting report from Mrs. Brown, I would notice that there was no nursing notes documented after the Lorazepam was administered. I would ask the effects the patient experienced and remind her to chart her findings next time. If it continued to happen, I would let the charge nurse know.