

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jaedynne Pesina      Date: 5/20/2022

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Name of the defendant:      Sarah Lynn Lunderman

License number of the defendant: RN 773731

Date action was taken against the license: 7/21/2014

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

*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.*

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the electronic medical record for Ms. Lunderman's patient documented that she had administered Lovenox on the left side of the patient's abdomen, and she educated the patient about the drug. However, Ms. Lunderman stated that she did not give the medication. She believed that she did not log off and someone else documented another patient's medication, or she may have started documenting but got distracted. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Ms. Lunderman was given a warning with the stipulation she take classes on medication administration. Instead, she voluntarily surrendered her license on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

*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.*

If Ms. Lunderman had failed to log off, the nurse that used her account should have recognized she was not properly sign in. In this scenario, Ms. Lunderman's patient and the other nurse's patient are both put in danger. Ms. Lunderman's patient did not receive the medication ordered for them. Since Lovenox is an anticoagulant, the patient was at risk for developing blood clots that could have made their condition worse. For the other patient. If their medication was documented under another patient's name, the second patient's medical record would show they did not get the medication. Another nurse could have seen this and administered the medication to complete the physician's order giving the second patient two doses of Lovenox. This could have caused the patient to bleed out if they suffered an injury or underwent surgery. In the second scenario Ms Lunderman gives, her lack of attention to the patient could have led her to miss other important signs that the patient's condition was not normal. For example, if she was too distracted to administer Lovenox, she could have been too distracted to notice that the patient was having difficulty breathing. Ms. Lunderman should not have documented a medication she did not give, and she should have logged out of her account. She put her patient's safety and condition at risk as well as possibly hurting other patients who were documented under her account.

*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.*

In the first situation, I would have double checked to make sure the computer was logged in under my name. Even if I did not check this, I could recognize my mistake when I scanned the patient's armband. The patient's armband would not match the patient that the electronic medical record is logged in for. I could also ask the patient the medication was documented under if they received it. In the second situation, if I discovered that Ms. Lunderman did not give the medication, I would notify the physician and pharmacist for a new order and a new schedule if the drug was supposed to be given multiple times a day. I would document that the patient did not receive their medication as scheduled and assess the patient's condition and labs since they needed the medication for a reason (high platelet count, high risk of developing blood clots, etc.). With a new order, I would administer the medication.