

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jonathan Paredes Date: 5/20/2022 DAS Assignment # _____3_____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sue Del Brant License number of the defendant: 804341

Date action was taken against the license: August 19, 2014

Type of action taken against the license: License Revoked

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.

- 1st charge, she failed to assess and evaluate the status of her pt who she was taking care of as a home health nurse. She had an unsuccessful attempt at taking out a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line. The pt was experiencing a mental change and was also having respiratory distress, and she failed to notify the physician. As a matter of fact, she just left the pt at home alone after the failed attempt. Her conduct deprived the physician of vital information, which if handled properly could have helped the pt in the long run.
- 2nd charge, on three different occasions as a home health nurse, she failed to document that she made her Skilled Nursing Visits. This resulted in an incomplete medical record and would make it difficult for subsequent nurses to who need to rely on her documentation.
- 3rd charge was the same as the second charge, she failed to document that she made her Skilled Nursing Visits which would hinder subsequent nurses from doing their job correctly.

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.

- **Safety and Security** – as far as her not documenting her Skilled Nursing visits, that is a big No No in healthcare. But she also did not notify the physician about her unsuccessful PICC line removal. That definitely put the pt at risk for a lot of and things – blood clot, air embolism, ect.
- **4 P's** – she did not assess the pts pain and mental status change after her failed attempt to take out the PICC line. That is vital information that the physician needs to know.
- **Standard precautions CVAD dressing** – as she failed to remove the PICC line, she just left the pt at home and also failed to document that anything had happened. If removed correctly, it should be done sterile and the PICC line needs to be measured to make sure that there is nothing left in the pt circulatory system.

- **Critical thinking** – SBAR was totally ignored when taking the CVAD's pt situation into consideration. Her decision-making skills were subpar, in that, she failed to document everything, and she also failed to contact the physician about important findings
- **Prioritization of tasks/procedures** - a failed attempt to remove a CVAD with a change in mental status and respiratory distress should have been at the top of her priority list.
- **Documentation!** – 2/3 of her charges was from her not documenting anything about her home health visits.
- **Human caring** – listening to the pt's needs – She failed to report that the pt had an altered mental status and that the pt was having a hard time breathing.
- **Professional role** – interactions with peers, staff and family – She put her other nursing co-workers who might go visit that home, in jeopardy by not documenting her findings.

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.

- I think a prudent nurse would look at the pt and assess them correctly. Thus, they would look at the eMAR and realize that there are no records of anything happening within a certain time frame.
- Once that is realized I would hope the prudent nurse would tell a supervisor about their findings and hopefully there can be some corrective action taken