

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Mary Kathleen Armitage

License number of the defendant: 670377

Date action was taken against the license: 12/11/2018

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulation and fine

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 situation the nurse prescribes a patient Tramadol when the patient is in fact allergic to Tramadol.
- Prescribing this caused the patient to be sent to the ER and be treated for two days for an allergic reaction.

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.

- One thing we are taught to live by is the patient's seven rights when it comes to medication administration, and if the nurse simply did the seven rights this mistake could have been prevented.
- Also, simply asking the patient if they had any medication allergies, this error could have been prevented.
- There were two universal competencies that were violated here. First being safety and security (physical) which was verifying allergies and the seven rights of med admin. Lastly, Communication which would be patient teaching. Had the nurse taught about the med it could have triggered the patient to remember that they were allergic.

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 was the nurse to notice that the patient was given tramadol, and they were allergic, I'd stay with the patient and monitor the vital signs (respiratory rate, Bp, and heart rate) because tramadol has an opioid effect which can cause respiratory depression, tachycardia, and risk for seizures.
- I'd ask the nurse to call the doctor and pharmacy to see if we can get an IV of naloxone started.

- I'd ask for naloxone because it's a common reversal agent for tramadol, and IV gives close to immediate results as far as stopping the reaction sooner than later.
- Lastly, I'd encourage the nurse to take the extra five to ten minutes to just educate her patients, not only because they have the right to know what's going into their body and why, but also because it could be the difference between life and death. Our job is to have the patients leave better than they came and yes error happens but it's not inevitable and when we take the time out to change our mindset from inevitability to preventable, we will see more tears of joy and less of pain because we didn't create an option to "fail" only room to improve!