

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Lauren McKinney

Date: 9-9-22

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Vanessa Ash

License number of the defendant: 706840

Date action was taken against the license: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Type of action taken against the license:

*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.*

**The reason for disciplinary actions being taken place to the license of Vanessa Ash was due to her poor judgment call against physician orders. She took it upon herself to administer the rest of the Versed in the patient's IV bag to the patient via IVP, which was not the order. Then failed to document this or get a doctor on board. Along with this, when she withdrew the Versed from one patients IVPB, that was being given Versed IVPB as well, and administered the Versed IVP (again is not how it was ordered) to another patient, ricking cross contamination.**

*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.*

**There is multiple ways that Ash could have kept the decisions she made from happening. She needed to step back and breathe before making a call on medication administration without a doctor, no matter how much time she didn't think she had or how short staffed they were. Then she blames that the reason she didn't document is because the Pyxis didn't "remind" her. If you are doing your three checks for verification, this wouldn't be a problem (Critical Thinking and Patient Safety/Security). Administering the wrong medication to the wrong patient could've been prevented by, one, not carrying around an unlabeled syringe of versed around the hospital. Two, knowing that morally that it was completely wrong to admin a med drew from one patients bag and using it on a another patient just because their med wore off during procedure. (Professional Role and Standard Protocol)**

*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 would have been the one to discover the events that took place by Vanessa Ash, I would've immediately went to my higher ups and the charge nurse that were taking place. Then I would've had her patients checked on by someone other than her to check for any adverse reactions or potential injury due to unordered route of admin and cross contamination.**