

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Amber Peters

Date: 9-16-2022

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Boris Steven Woytowich

License number of the defendant: 747666

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

Type of action taken against the 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.

This particular nurse failed to do a complete time out before a surgery. The nurse called a time out but not all of the operating room staff acknowledged the time out. Therefore the temporal biopsy was completed on the patient's wrong side. It was supposed to be a left temporal biopsy and the operating room staff did a right temporal biopsy. When the error was discovered the nurse also failed to chart the error in the patients MAR. After this event the nurse was given a chance to earn his nursing license again if he completed a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics, complete a course in nursing documentations, and complete a course to sharpen critical thinking skills. The nurse failed to meet these requirements and so ultimately his license was revoked.

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.

The universal competency of safety and security was violated by not following operating room protocol and having everyone participate in the time out. The competency of documentation was violated when the nurse "omitted" to document the error in the site of the surgery. Professionalism was also violated because the nurse did not complete the required courses in order to maintain his license.

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.

There are multiple opportunities in this scenario for a prudent nurse to take action depending upon when the error was discovered. To begin with a prudent nurse would tell everyone in the operating room that it should be quiet during the time out and that all hospital staff has to agree with "right side, ride surgery, right patient." A prudent nurse would also look at or show the consents for the surgery to the operating room staff during the

time out and during this the correct side could have been noted. During recovery a prudent nurse would make sure that the error was documented or tell their charge nurse etc about the sentinel event that occurred. Some facilities require documentation of these types of events and a supervisor or someone up the ladder should have been notified of the mistake if the nurse involved refused to document this error.