

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jazmine Salazar Date: 10/23/2022

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Rebecca H. Womack

License number of the defendant: RN24925

Date action was taken against the license: November 13th, 2022

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with stipulations

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.

There was one event that led to this defendant's license being suspended. Rebecca was ordered by the physician to give 5mg of Ambien (known as a sedative to treat insomnia). Knowing and confirming this with the Physician Rebecca continued to give 10mg of Ambien instead, with likeliness to injure the patient with an Ambien overdose. This event was reported to the Board of Nursing and the nurse agreed to meet the requirements required by the Board to keep her license active. With the stipulations in place she agreed to take a sexual misconduct class for fraud, theft, and deception. She has to also take additional classes on medication administration, nursing documentation, and a "sharpening critical thinking skills" course.

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 competencies at risk here are the physical safety and security of the patient. The nurse failed to be professional and complete the seven rights of medication. She violated the rights in that she did not adhere to the correct dosage and documentation for the patient's well-being. This outcome could have ended badly, and she put her patient's safety at risk by not adhering to the doctor's orders. I would say there was a communication error that she may have not heard the Physician's orders clearly, but she admittedly adhere to clearly understanding the Physician's orders and refusing to do what was asked. She might have been having a bad day, but her actions are still unjustifiable. Her critical thinking falls under the universal competency that was violated in during this event. She decided that her evaluation and the revision of this medication overruled the Doctor's orders. We have medication administration stressed in school because this is a serious matter and things could have taken a turn for the worst.

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 prudent nurse to discover this event in which the nurse overruled the Doctor's orders and saw her administer more than what the Doctor ordered, I would immediately stop her. I would alert the charge nurse if it was already given as well as the Doctor. I would take matters into my own hands in order to monitor this patient for the nurses wrongful doing. I would check his Vital signs every 30 minutes or as ordered by the provider. I would make sure this patient was okay and comfort the patient for the amount of Ambien that they received. Because with Ambien comes a lot of different side effects that can be concerning if overused such as a coma, shallow breathing, and confusion. If overdosed it could be fatal for the patient.