

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Lexis McMinn Date: 10/27/2022 DAS Assignment # ____1____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sosamma Abraham License number of the defendant: 585236

Date action was taken against the license: November 14, 2012

Type of action taken against the license: REVOKED

The action that RN Sosamma Abraham did is failing to check or document blood glucose levels for a patient. The failure of obtaining blood glucose began at 0120 and continued to 0545, she was supposed to obtain the blood glucose levels every 2 hours. At 0600 the patient was found "diaphoretic and unresponsive with a blood glucose level of 26." The patient was transferred to the ICU and put on life support. The patient's levels could not be stabilized and three days later was removed from life support and was pronounced dead.

Charges: 301452(b)(1) and (10) Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE (217) (12) (21) (B), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE 217.12(11)(B)

This action could have been prevented if the RN had only documented the accurate checks. According to Ms. Abraham she had been completing the 2-hour minimum accurate checks but was not documenting them. She alerted the physician and got a medication to raise the blood glucose levels to 182 at 0120. The physician that wrote the prescription wrote a letter to the TOBN advocating for Ms. Abraham's character, he stated that the patient's levels not being stable was due to the patient's "Non-compliant diabetic related problems". Ms. Abraham had many other nurses support her in this time by writing letters.

This situation a prudent nurse would most likely take the blood glucose levels and begin documenting them. If Ms. Abraham would have documented everything done for the patient it would have proved she did everything needed and no disciplinary action would have been taken.

Ms. Abraham is still able to practice nursing since she complied with the Texas Board of Nursing and had many people speak on her behalf.