

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Vanette Martinez

Date: 10/25/2022

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Katherine Rebecca Anderson

License number of the defendant: 830193

Date action was taken against the license: 18 Day of February 2015

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

*Katherina R Anderson was working as a staff RN in Houston, Texas when she failed to care for the patients under her supervision. She failed to follow the physician's orders for one of her patients; therefore, she did not draw STAT labs. The patient endangered by the nurse because blood drawn was not done immediately. Anderson alleges the phlebotomist for not drawing the blood when she indicated but at the end of the day the nurse should of have done it STAT and the patient would of have been assessed immediately. She also failed to obtain the blood sugar level for a patient before administering insulin. Insulin needs to be taken with respect because the patient could have had an adverse effect such as hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia. Anderson failed to document a waste of Dilaudid, but she recalled the amount she did not record or else this could of have been taken into a drug diversion action. She failed to provide safety towards the patient when leaving unattended medicine in the patient's room. This patient had a specific order NPO due to a medical procedure later in the day. This action could of lead the patient to have a rescheduled procedure which could of harm the patient. Lastly, she also failed to participate on the shift report, and this is very crucial for the patient's safety.*

*Katherine R Anderson did not follow any guidelines for taking care of her patients. Many universal competencies were not followed such as safety, security, documentation, professional role and documentation. STAT orders need to be done immediately and she did not do it because she waited for the phlebotomist to do it when she was told by the physician that they needed it STAT. The professional interaction was inadequate because the patient did not get the attention needed until later in the day. There was another event where she did not follow the 7 rights for medication administration because forgot to obtain the blood sugar for a patient. The patient was given the wrong dose of insulin and there was not a reason either since she did not record the blood glucose. Insulin can be lethal, and it needs to be taken with respect because the patient could have died from this event. Insulin doses are small, but they have a huge impact on the patient; therefore, it needs to be done correctly. In this event documentation was not recorded for one of the patient's medicines. Dilaudid is considered a narcotic which it needs to be documented the correct way. Anderson stated that she forgot to document the waste from the Dialudid and if a narcotic is not documented they start an investigation to see if there was not a drug diversion. Safety and security were not taken into consideration when Anderson left the unattended medicine in a patient room with a specific order stating NPO. This patient has an endoscopy schedule later in the day, but the patient took the unattended medicines. This could have caused the patient to have a re-scheduled procedure or caused the patient to have a complication during the procedure since the patient had taken the medication. Lastly, Anderson did not have any type of communication with the shift*

*change nurse because she did not participate in the reports. Reporting extra things that happened during the shift are important for the next nurse to know that way she can provide the best care for the patient.*

*Patients are the priority, and they need to be treated with respect and dignity. Anderson did not follow many guidelines and was not taking the patients seriously. As a student nurse, learning the responsibilities make realize that following the universal competencies can make a difference in a patient's life. STAT orders need to be done immediately, as a student nurse I would have done the patient labs first. Every patient has different medical conditions but, in some instances, there will be patients with STAT orders for a reason. Learning about how insulin and how fast you can harm patient's life made me realize that Anderson did not have enough education on how insulin works. Blood glucose needs to be done first before administering insulin because it prevents the patient from hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia. Luckily the nurse did not overdose the patient with insulin, but nurses need to follow the protocol no matter how confident they are in their job. Narcotics are a serious matter and Anderson forgot to document the waste but as a student nurse I know better, and I would have gone to the charge nurse immediately if I would have not seen the right documentation for a narcotic. There are many orders, and each patient has a specific one. A patient had a written order NPO, and Anderson left the unattended medicines there which could have caused a lot of harm. As a student nurse is very important to verify the orders on the eMAR at the bedside. Anderson was lucky enough to have a reason for all her actions; therefore, there was a warning with stipulations.*