

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Hannah Rosales

Date: 11/4/22

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Nancy Ann Dean

License number of the defendant: 571573

Date action was taken against the license: April 18, 2013

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.

On four different occasions the nurse failed to administer medications or follow specific precautions that would result in the action taken against her license. The occasions consisted of failing to administer medications as ordered, incorrectly administering Glucagon without checking sugar levels before administration, left her job with Norco tablets, and failed to waste medications with a witness.

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 nurse should not have abandoned orders to administer medications, which could have resulted in harm to the patient since that patient did not receive that medication. The nurse should also have followed instructions and standards and paid attention to the reading of blood sugar levels prior to incorrectly administering Glucagon. The nurse also failed to retake the reading right before administration; the nurse did take the reading (but misread it) prior to preparing the medication, but should have read the level again directly prior to administering it. Although she gave an excuse that the Norco tablets fell into her jacket by accident, the nurse should have protected her job by avoiding to leave the hospital with the tablets. Even if it did fall into her jacket, she should have checked the number of tablets she did withdraw and noticed that three were missing. In order to avoid the fourth occasion of failing to get a witness for the waste of a medication, the nurse should have followed the standard requirement of having a witness of the waste.

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 discovering the patient had been harmed, or was at risk for harm, I would assess the patient depending on symptoms and complaints, checked documentation for previous medications or procedures, and intervened to care for the patient appropriately. I also would have notified the appropriate staff of my observations as soon as the occasions had been witnessed.