



*More importantly, Ms. Brown, should have used her critical thinking skills to understand that the “dusky” change in color likely caused by a lack of blood flow was an emergent situation for this patient and notified the physician immediately.*

*Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

*Ms. Brown violated the following universal competencies: Standard precautions, communication, critical thinking, and documentation.*

*She violated the standard precautions as required competencies by not properly following an order that was given by a physician to prevent harm to the patient by performing a specific assesment and notifying the physician immediately in a change of condition.*

*The communication competency was violated by her failure to notify the physician of the change in color of the effected extremity immediately.*

*She violated the critical thinking competency by failing to use her critical thinking skills to understand that the change in color on the extremity was caused by a lack of blood flow and is an emergent situation, especially when the physician has ordered special checks and has asked to be notified immediately of any change.*

*Finally, she failed to document her assessments and findings on the patient which could have ultimately led to further harm for this patient. According to universal competencies all findings, and assessments should be documented accurately and timely in order to help provide the most accurate and best care to our patients.*

*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.*

First and foremost, if I was the person who discovered that this patient was at risk and had a change in status I would immediately notify the physician. Secondly, I 100 percent feel that her actions led to the patient ultimately loosing their hand. I feel that as nurses we should be held accountable and to a higher standard when caring for our patients. I believe laziness and fear of reprimand for calling doctors is inexcusable. One phone call 2 minutes of her time could have forever changed this patients life by allowing them to recover from their initial trauma. I would have definitely reported her negligent acts to the board so that she can be rehabilitated and held accountable for her actions. I think as nurses (future nurses) we have to be able to hold each other accountable following to the best of our ability and knowledge the universal competencies set forth through our education and licensures.