

**Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2**

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DAS Assignment #2

Name of the defendant: Michael Jesse Anderson

License number of the defendant: 633555

Date action was taken against the license: 5/11/2021

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Use the space below to describe the event which led to the action(s) 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.

This document describes the erroneous events of a registered nurse working at a hospital in Grapevine, TX. In this event, the nurse failed to assess vital signs before administering multiple doses of IV Dilaudid to a patient. In addition to failing to complete the required assessment for the narcotic, the nurse also gave the second dose which exceeded the physician's ordered dose. After giving these doses, there was also a significant decrease in the patient's blood pressure around 80/50. A month later, there was another incident in which the nurse failed to assess or respond to a patient when their vital signs showed concerns with increased respirations and decreased oxygen saturation levels.

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.

One of the main takeaways from reading this document is assessing patients when necessary, whether it be routine for medication administration or situational if a patient's condition worsens. Therefore, the nurse should have performed the necessary vital sign assessments prior to administering the Dilaudid to the patient. The nurse stated they had overslept that morning and were in a hurry during the beginning of their shift. For the second situation, the nurse should have checked in on the patient and assessed their vital signs, including the respiratory rate and oxygen saturation. If the nurse would have done proper assessments on these patients, they would not have any way of denying that they did everything they could for their patient, whether the outcome was

positive or negative. Providing these assessments would have allowed the nurse to treat the problems as they arose, and prevented any harm to the patient overall.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The main universal competency that was violated was the nurse's failure to deliver patient safety by doing required assessments prior to giving a narcotic. In this event, the nurse also failed to acknowledge or administer the narcotic according to the physician's ordered dosage. In addition to this, the nurse also failed to practice by securing the patient's seven rights of medication administration. In the second situation, the nurse violated patient safety again by failing to assess the patient when their condition worsened and treating the patient with the best care. I believe the nurse lacked critical thinking, decision making, and failing to be involved in the patient care.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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 first person to discover that this event had occurred, I would first ensure that the patient was alert and oriented and that their vital signs were stable. Then, I would ensure that the charge nurse was aware of both of these situations. Some people might take these mishaps lightly, but I believe these medication errors and failure to complete necessary assessments is extremely dangerous to patients and could lead to further harm or even death. If the charge nurse was not concerned about the situation, I think it would be important for the unit manager or director to be aware of the multiple events and serious errors that occurred. Personally, I believe these are careless and selfish acts that could have easily prevented medication errors and patient harm. Therefore, I think education review and verbal/ disciplinary action is necessary to ensure the nurse is aware of the harmful actions and gravity of the situation.