

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Janel Pinili Date: 02/03/23

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Vanessa Ann Ash

License number of the defendant: RN 706840

Date action was taken against the license: 12/18/12

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations, Deferred

The events that led to the actions taken against her license were when she administered versed to a patient without a physician's order. The patient has been receiving versed previously, but the physician discontinued it. She also failed to document the administration of versed.

She could have avoided this accident by wasting the versed from the IV bag and removing it from the patient's room immediately after the discontinuation. Instead, the bag in the room perplexed her and caused her to forget about the bag's discontinuation. She drew versed from another patient's IV line into a syringe and administered it to a different patient. She assumed that the patient to whom she administered versed had a PRN order, despite the fact that it had been discontinued. Her reason for administering it was that the patient was agitated prior to his MRI. She stated that she did not believe she had enough time to request additional sedation. She blamed the pyxis as it did not remind her to document even though she got the medication from another patient.

She has violated numerous universal competencies such as professional role, documentation, safety and security, standard precaution, and critical thinking skills. As a nurse, you should never assume and follow through without a physician's order. The only place you obtain a patient's medication is in the medication room. It is your responsibility to dispose of any object that could cause potential harm to your patient.

As a prudent nurse, I would immediately report the situation to the charge nurse and obtain another nurse to help with the other patient that she withdrew medication. I would then perform a focused respiratory assessment as versed can slow or stop your breathing. If needed, I would administer a nasal cannula and put the patient on fall precautions as they may feel drowsy or confused after the injection. I would also check blood pressure and other vital signs and notify the physician about my findings.