

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Crystal Vargas

Date: 02/03/2023

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: David H. Dean

License number of the defendant:

Date action was taken against the license: 07/19/2011.

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender of license

Mr. Dean is the recipient of many violations against his license beginning in March 2005-May 2009

- 1. March 2005- He withdrew unwarranted amounts of Meperidine under his patients MRN, many within less than an hour of each other, with no documentation of wastage.*
- 2. He was also in violation of not maintaining the same patient's IV site which led to "severe IV extravasation site".*
- 3. During the same shift as the above mentioned the nurse fell asleep, was unresponsive to questions about his patient and "exhibited impaired behavior."*
- 4. September 2005-While employed at another hospital the RN was charged with Possession of opiates without a valid prescription.*
- 5. May 2009 Mr. Dean was accused of failing to use a flush before administering heparin via IV, failing to correctly use UF, which led to patient having a seizure, and failed to monitor and record blood pressure of the same patient.*

This nurse was able to access a reckless amount of Meperidine at a time-some withdrawals within minutes of each other. This was in 2005, and no mention of a pyxis was listed; however, if there had been some sort of alert which indicated the copious amounts of medication being dispensed or limit to how much of this particular substance was stored in the medication device, it would've been caught sooner. I think his fellow peers should've realized the number of times he was accessing the medication device and realized his behavior much sooner than seeing he had fallen asleep. He was ordered and completed a TPAN program in October 2005, and his nursing license was reinstated in June 2007. His last offenses in 2009 put him in non-compliance of the TPAN program, which is an appropriate measure to prevent anymore improper actions by this person.

The universal competencies that were broken were safety and security- The 7 rights of administration were not followed. Documentation- which was broken when the nurse failed not to document anything at all regarding medication administration and failing to record the correct vital signs. Professional role which was broken by not using resources efficiently and for the correct purpose. Critical thinking was broken by failing to perform the correct assessment of patient's IV site.

As a prudent nurse one should be aware of their surroundings which includes observing your peers without intruding, realizing suspect actions, and deciding if intervention is necessary. I feel that someone must have noticed something out of the ordinary taking place while Mr. Dean was pocketing a large amount of medication; at the very least realizing that the device must have had many vials of the same medication

missing. He must have displayed unusual behaviors if he had taken some of the drug while on the premises; which by one of the allegations seems as he did. I would've spoken with the Charge Nurse immediately after noticing questionable conducts and recommended that someone take charge of his patient while the charge nurse takes appropriate action. Mr. Dean's last breach is something hard to catch because he would most likely assigned to care for his patient alone, but if I did know for certain that he did not take the appropriate vital signs or do the proper assessment and I may mention it to the charge nurse and let them decide if further action is warranted. I believe that in some circumstances a nursing license should be reinstated after appropriate steps are taken, however in my opinion I believe the first violation was so severe that it does not merit a reinstated nursing license. When we set forth to become nurses, we know that we hold human life in our hands. Nursing is not just a career, but it must be an action of servitude. A nurse must realize within themselves if their actions are going to cause harm to a fellow human being and must remedy their choices before caring for another life; this could include taking personal days or a leave of absence if necessary.