

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Xavier Briseno Date: 2/10/2023 DAS Assignment # ___4___ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Bigony, Lauren Elizabeth License number of the defendant: RN 852374

Date action was taken against the license: 4/22/2021

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations and Fine

Use the space below to describe the events 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.

Lauren Elizabeth Bigony was working in Plano Texas at the Live Oak Surgery Center at the time the incident occurred. She was working on a post Anesthesia Care Unit when she received a patient whom had elevated vital signs after surgery. Her orders were to administer 10 mcg of Fentanyl every five minutes to this patient however she knew that with the elevated vital signs it is common for the doctor to order 20 mcg of Fentanyl in one dose. So, she did just that without notifying the doctor for the proper order. She also did not report the elevated vital signs to doctor, and she Documented that she gave two 10mcg doses of Fentanyl five minutes apart as ordered which was false. This was a pediatric patient and I do not believe she should have taken this action without notification of the doctor. Pediatric doses are very different in terms of what I have been taught so far, and she violated the seven rights of medication administration.

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.

A simple action that could have prevented the warning and fine of this RN was to call the doctor and obtain a verbal order for a higher dose of Fentanyl. She also should not have falsely documented the medication given and taken more precautions to protect the patient and her license. Luckily no harm came to the patient.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The Safety and Security universal competencies were broken as she did not follow the 7 rights of medication administration. The Documentation universal competency was also broken because she falsified the documentation on the medication record. Overall she put the patient at greater risk at the time of the incident and later on in that patient's care because the chart was wrong.

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 I was to discover this nurse attempting to give a higher dose of medication than ordered, I would ask her to double check her order because clearly something is wrong. When she explained her reasoning I would tell her that this is putting her license at unnecessary risk and offer to call the doctor to obtain a verbal order. If I was in this position myself, I believe I would have given the 10 mcg of Fentanyl so the patient would have some relief, and then called the doctor to see if we could administer another 10mcg if that was the standard.