

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Mercedes Villalovos

Date: February 10, 2023

DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Daniel Corral

License number of the defendant: 759165

Date action was taken against the license: April 10, 2011

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand with Stipulations

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.

On or around January 30, 2010, Daniel Corral replaced a patient's nasal gastric tube and requested an X-ray to ensure placement of the tube was inserted in the correct location. Corral went on to start the patients feeding without the confirmation of placement from the radiologist. Several hours passed and the patient was found in acute respiratory distress due to the feeding going into her right lung instead of her stomach. Sadly, the patient did not recover from acute respiratory distress and the patient died. Corral stated he was new to night shift and came from another shift where if there were no radiologists to verify within that moment, they had other nurses verify placement and continued if they thought the tubing was in the stomach. Corral had two nurses verify placement of tubing for the patient and they said it looked like the tubing was in the patient's stomach. It was said that during Corral's shift, the patient remained stable after the feeding was administered but when he went in for his next shift, the patient was in acute respiratory distress and discovered the feeding was going into the patient's lung instead.

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.

I believe Corral could have waited or kept trying to get a hold of a radiologist to confirm the placement of the patients feeding tube.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

- Standard Precaution: Special Precautions as Required
Corral failed to follow his hospital's policy and procedures pertaining to verification of the placement of a nasal gastric tubing.
- Critical Thinking: Decision Making
Corral failed to critically think when he did not have a radiologist to confirm placement of tubing and went on to administer the feeding.
- Critical Thinking: Evaluation and Revision of Interventions
After Corral administered the feeding, he should have listened to the lungs and abdomen for proper placement of feeding.

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.

As a prudent nurse in this situation, I would have taken out the tubing immediately and notified the HCP along with my charge nurse of the situation. I would have then completed all the interventions I possibly could have to revive the patient from respiratory distress.