

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jessica K Cortinas Date: March 22, 2023 DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Tally Dawn Adams License number of the defendant: 845365

Date action was taken against the license: June 8, 2017

Type of action taken against the license: Warning 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.

It was noted, August 8, 2016, Ms. Adams was working as a nurse in the emergency department at Medical Center of Lewisville, Texas. The nurse in focus documented incorrectly administration of medication to a patient, and failed to use an infusion pump to administer medication as indicated. These infractions led to the nurse incorrectly administering Zosyn and Vancomycin to a patient in her care. Zosyn 50 ml was given to the patient over a 14 minute time frame, resulting in 214 ml/hr. The recommended rate for this medication is noted as 12.5 ml/hr over a 4 hour time frame. Then after Zosyn administration was complete, the patient was initiated a Vancomycin infusion. An unknow amount of Vancomycin was administered when another nurse entered the patient room, and noticed the infusion was being given without the use of an infusion pump. Patient presented with redness and itching, which was determined by the physician to be an allergic reaction to the Zosyn and Vancomycin administration. The physician ordered medication to manage the symptomatic patient. Results of the nurse's infraction were inaccurate documentation in the medical record, possibility of harming patient by means of adverse reaction, and may have caused the patient unnecessarily having an allergic reaction.

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.

The nurse could have slowed her practice and taken time to review orders and protocol for administration in a professional manner. Reviewing the EMR, order, and 7 rights of medication for the patient, might have helped her avoid the situation altogether. The nurse could have been more caring in her practice of principle protocol administering medication to the patient, and documenting correct information regarding the medication administration she actually did, instead of what she might have intended to do. Reviewing her orders prior to administering, during her preparation to administer, and actually administering with a third check or even another nurse, may have helped her to maintain a safe practice for the patient.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety/Physical – the nurse administering the medication to the patient in a hurried fashion, may have caused the patient unnecessary reaction and more medication to treat her mistake

Documentation – incorrect/invalid report made in patient chart

Critical Thinking – not prioritizing patient safety and an appropriate plan of action in her administration led to mistakes in execution of her orders with the patient. No time out before the administration led to the patient suffering

The nurse did not show critical thinking when administering medication in a correct fashion according to protocol.

Caring – The nurse failed to build trust with the patient, since it was the nurse's fault for not administering the medication correctly and causing more medication needed to improve patient status

Standard Precaution – The nurse failed to follow medication administration protocol to ensure patient and staff safety.

Professionalism – Another float nurse noticed the infraction, intervened for the mistake and was able to help the situation. The nurse is not creating a professional work ethic by not practicing with integrity.

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.

The prudent nurse would stop the infusion immediately. She would assess the patient for infection or adverse reaction. She would communicate findings and document all she did for intervention of the patient and any action taken or abnormalities noted upon patient assessments. The prudent nurse would notify the charge nurse on duty to review the situation for opportunity to learn from this infraction how to create a safer practice for patients in the future.