

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Star Harlin Date: 03/29/23 DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Estrella Ablang-Tejado License number of the defendant: 440858

Date action was taken against the license: 02/13/2015

Type of action taken against the license: voluntary surrender

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 about August 19, 2013, Estrella was taking care of a patient and had administered Dilaudid and Zofran to her patient and after administration the patient began to experience hypotension, a common side effect from Dilaudid. Estrella failed to follow through on a physician order and monitor her patient's vital signs every four hours. Estrella also failed to report to the physician when her patient began to experience alarming vital signs, decreasing blood pressure and an elevated pulse.

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 simply done the routine checks the physician ordered to make sure her patient was doing okay and was not experiencing any abnormal side effects. She also could have gone over the medication she was giving and told the patient what to look for and report immediately. The nurse could have made her patient a priority rather than ignoring her duties.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

First the nurse showed a lack of respect and trust towards her patient by not monitoring the vital signs and leaving them in distress. It also seems the nurse failed to teach her patient medication safety and what side effects that come along with taken medication and what they can report when noticed. The nurse also showed a lack of prioritization to tasks and procedures and showed lack of care towards the patient by ignoring the physician orders and not reporting the alarming vital signs right away. The nurse failed to document any of the vital signs that would have been beneficial for the doctor to know and to keep the patients chart updated. The nurse showed a lack of professionalism in her role. Overall, she did not treat her patient in a manner that patients deserve to be treated and cared for and the nurses decision making was not in line with taking care of her patient either.

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 were the nurse to discover the patient's vital signs, I would report it to the charge nurse to make sure she was aware and then make sure it was reported to the physician. I would also speak to the patient's nurse to make sure she was also aware of the patient's vital signs. If I found out the nurse was mistreating the patient in any way, I would make sure it was reported immediately to the charge nurse and start to care for that patient and make sure he/she was getting the proper treatment.