

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jarrett Evans

Date: 3/31/23

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Matthew Kevin Lavin

Number of the defendant: 739137

Date action was taken against the license: 5/10/2016

Type of action taken against the license: Suspended/ Probated

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.

While working at a county jail, Mr. Lavin failed to fully assess his patient before and after administering Phenergan (IM). He did not assess vitals beforehand. He did not do a reassessment for his patient either. He stated that when he went to do his reassessment, the patient was already asleep. His patient was then found 7 hours later in his cell unresponsive. The patient was then transferred to the county hospital. The medical staff performed a CT scan found an acute brain bleed. Mr. Lavin did not document on that patient, so the patient had an incomplete medical record.

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.

There are a few interventions that could have been done to prevent action taken against the license of Mr. Lavin. Mr. Lavin could have fully assessed his patient. His assessments needed to include vitals and reassessment after the Phenergan administering. Mr. Lavin stated that this patient was not a regular patient. Since Mr. Lavin was not familiar with the patient, he should have done a more thorough assessment, a head-to-toe. If Mr. Lavin had done a head-to-toe assessment, any abnormal findings could have allowed the patient to go to the hospital for better medical help, like a CT Scan. Those assessments could have also been baseline data for the hospital. The last intervention would be for Mr. Lavin to complete his charting. That charting could have also been been baseline data for the hospital to help provide better care for the patient.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Mr. Lavin violated several universal competencies. He failed to do proper assessments before administering medication. He did not get a set a vitals. He failed to reevaluate after administering the phenergen. He let his patient go to sleep instead of getting a proper assessment. He failed to completely document on his patient.

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 working with Mr. Lavin, and I discovered that he did not assess or reassess or his patient after giving medication, I would encourage and educate Mr. Lavin on always assessing or reassessing his patients before and after any interventions. After discovering he did not complete his charting on the patient, I would encourage him to finish his charting. I could not chart for him, but I could see if he needed help with any of his other tasks.