

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Date: 4/1/23 DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Julia Edrington

Name of the defendant: License number of the defendant: 817578

Daniel Lee Brown

Date action was taken against the license: 1/19/2017

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.

During one of Brown's shifts at UMC, he aggressively grabbed a patient, shook him, and pinned him to the bed. Brown also grabbed the patient's hands so hard he caused physical pain to the patient. He also yelled at this patient reportedly on multiple occasions in a very rude and condescending way. Brown claimed that the patient was very agitated and punched Brown in the jaw as well as unintentionally touched him in the groin area when Brown was trying to restrain patient. Brown claimed to have asked the charge nurse to ask for pain and anti-anxiety medications. The doctor only prescribed pain medication though as the patient was described to be agitated due to being in pain.

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 think Brown should have contacted the doctor himself and tried getting the anxiety medication if the patient was still agitated. I am not sure if the patient was given time in between the pain medication and when he was being restrained by Brown, but I would assume probably not much time elapsed. Brown should have given the medication, then waited about 30 minutes to see if it helped make patient more combatable. If patient was still agitated and aggressive, Brown could have tried communicating with the patient first to try and see if they could come to an understanding without it becoming physical. If Brown was extremely frustrated with the patient, he could have asked another nurse to help him and step in to deescalate the situation. Sometimes people just aren't combatable, and that's okay. What is not okay is being physical and yelling at your patients.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Brown broke the safety and security competency by being physical with the patient and breaking the trust of the patient by yelling and being aggressive with the patient. Brown did not communicate with the patient as this alone could have prevented the altercations from occurring. The human caring and professional role competencies were also broken with the way Brown treated 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 observed a nurse being physically or verbally abusive with a patient, I would report that nurse to the charge nurse. That behavior is never okay, and it is our responsibility to treat our patients with respect. I would try and intervene with the aggressive nurse and ask if I could take over for that nurse, so the situation is deescalated. Sometimes, a short break is all that is needed to defuse a hostile situation.