

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: William Dwight Brixey

License number of the defendant: 581620

Date action was taken against the license: 02/14/2012

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.

On March 11, 2011, the nurse was administering an IV drip to a patient when they selected the wrong IV vial, by withdrawing Succinylcholine without physician orders instead of Cardizem. They stated that the two vials were near each other on the same shelf in the fridge and both had red labels and that the nurse was aware that they were proximal to each other. They also stated that they were in a rush which contributed to the nurse not being aware of the medication error when they pulled the medications. The patient that received the incorrect IV fluid exhibited symptoms such as dyspnea since the Succinylcholine contains a paralytic agent which also unnecessarily exposed the patient to harm and death. The side effects led to the patient being transferred to a higher level of care, during which the charge nurse noticed the medication error. Their mistake falls under nursing negligence.

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 should have conducted the secondary and tertiary medication check prior to administration. The secondary medication check occurs after the medication has been pulled from pyxis and is compared to the screen to make sure that the medication pulled is correct. The tertiary check would also have prevented the medication error which is done at the bedside. Another measure would have been to ensure a focused mindset and being conscious of their positions since the nurse stated that they were aware that they were close to each other.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

They violated the physical safety and security of a patient by not ensuring one of their 7 rights by administering the wrong drug. This action put the patient's well-being at risk and actually ended up harming them by giving them a medication that contained a paralytic agent. It had direct consequences that resulted in patient dyspnea and further hospitalization of the 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.

A prudent nurse would have recognized that the patient was experiencing difficulty breathing and would have tried amending the situation by sitting them up and checking their pulse oximetry. After finding abnormal values a prudent nurse would take actions following the hospital policy for the related values and patient problems. Then they would consult the assigned nurse to assess to not only inform them but to determine what might have been cause behind their respiratory distress. Then one of them would inform the charge nurse about the medication error and situation, while the other one is staying with the patient to closely monitor their condition since they administered a paralytic agent. Further actions would then be decided by the charge nurse along with transfer to a higher level of care if indicated.