

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: David Paul Brown

License number of the defendant: 593775

Date action was taken against the license: 12/11/2014

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender of the nursing license.

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.

The first event that occurred was when the nurse was giving an oral medication. He did not put on gloves when placing the pill in the patient's mouth. The second charge was the nurse leaving an insulin syringe in the patient's room while unattended. The patient was confused and found the needle and was playing with it when another nurse discovered the patient had the needle, it was taken away. The third charge against the nurse was administering too much of a medication to a patient. He did not inform the doctor of this error which could have caused harm to the patient. The fourth charge is causing further harm to a patient when the nurse transferred the patient from the toilet unsafely. This caused the patient to have a hematoma and further extend their stay. The fifth charge was that the nurse failed to medicate the patient for pain during wound care and used the same pair of gloves during wound care. This was very painful for the patient and may have potentially caused the patient to have an infection. The final charge against the nurse unsafely transferred a patient who had undergone a total hip replacement. The patient later complained of pain in the hip and an x-ray was done to the area. The patient had a dislocated hip and had to be transferred to another facility to undergo specific surgery for the hip.

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.

First, if the nurse had put on gloves to give meds, the patient would not have been at risk for infection. Second, the nurse should have thrown the needle away after giving the injection. According to the nurse at the hearing, there was an emergency that he had to attend to and that's why the needle was not thrown away. Even if there is an emergency it takes two seconds to throw the needle in the sharps box. Third, the nurse should have gone over the seven rights of medication administration with the patient to make sure that the medications were correct. This could have prevented the extra meds given to the patient. Fourth, the nurse should have placed a safety belt on the patient to help them. According to the nurse during the hearing, he was helping the two aides

while they cleaned the patient. The patient had left sided weakness and the nurse made her lean on him which is not safe practice. Fifth, the nurse should have checked to see if there was another pain medication that the patient could have had or even called the doctor to discuss giving the patient a pain med. The nurse also should have changed gloves when cleaning the different wound sites in order to prevent the spread of possible infection. Finally, the nurse should have asked for help transferring the patient with the total hip replacement. This helps prevent further injury or any accidents to the patient had the nurse gotten help.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and security were violated because the nurse did not perform the seven medication rights and accidentally gave the patient the incorrect dose of a med. Standard precaution was broken because the nurse chose not to put on gloves to administer an oral medication. Communication was also broken because the nurse was not safe administering their medication to his patients. Human caring was broken because he unsafely repositioned two of his patients. He caused further harm for both of them, one resulting in a hematoma and the other resulting in hip dislocation. This caused both patients to stay later than what they should have stayed. Critical thinking was also broken when the nurse did not immediately inform the doctor that he accidentally gave the wrong dose of medication. It was also broken when he chose not to ask the doctor if he could give more pain meds to the patient receiving wound care.

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 discovered the nurse about the give the oral med with no gloves, I would immediately stop him and ask him to put on gloves before giving the med. If I found the insulin syringe, I would throw it away and inform the charge nurse of the event so they could educate the nurse. I would try to double check the amount of med given to the patient with the seven rights. If I was not able to be with the nurse while he was giving the med and I discovered the mistake, I would immediately inform the doctor and the charge about what happened. With the transfers, I would talk to the charge and the doctor taking care of the patient so we could get them some help as soon as possible.