

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Janice Balaba Date: April 07, 2023 DAS Assignment # _3_(1-4)

Name of the defendant: Betty Kent Knight License number of the defendant: 833714

Date action was taken against the license: March 10, 2020

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

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 of student loans, etc.

Betty Kent Knight was a Registered Nurse at DaVita Lufkin Dialysis Center and had five charges for administering medications to multiple patients without proper documentation dated January 19, 2019. On the same day, the Respondent failed to document a central line dressing change. She also failed to document post-treatment assessments and to timely verify prescription components of a hemodialysis machine not to mention failing to intervene with a patient who was experiencing hypotension. On top of all this Betty was found incoherent and disoriented in the hallway of DaVita Lufkin's Dialysis Center and was eventually transported to the E.R. The respondent's conduct was a threat to herself and to the patients she was treating.

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.

Betty may be dealing with personal issues that need attention. All the charges happened on the same day and on the next day is when the respondent was found incoherent and disoriented. Eventually, she was critically ill and in need of hospitalization. The incident could have been prevented if someone had spoken to her when the first charges occurred. Seems like she never had any problems at work except for those days. If somebody would have noticed and asked her if she was feeling well or suggested time off I think that would have prevented her from getting her license revoked.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The universal competencies violated in the incident were safety and security, critical thinking, documentation, and human caring. As a nurse, our top priority is to keep our patients safe and secure. Assessments and documentation are very important to make sure patients get the right care and it reduces the risk of medical errors.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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.

As a prudent nurse, the first thing I need to do is make sure the patient is safe and then report the nurse to the Head. This type of misconduct should be prevented to avoid hurting the patients.