

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Elizabeth Atore Date: April 13th, 2023 DAS Assignment # _____4____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Mercy Akortsu License number of the defendant: 889975

Date action was taken against the license: September 21st, 2022.

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand with stipulation

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 October the 19th and the 20th 2021 while the RN was employed by Sunrise of Cinco Ranch in Texas, the RN failed to assess and document the patient's vital signs and neurological checks that were ordered to be done after every 4 hours after the patient was hit on the head.

The RN failed to notify the healthcare provider of the acute changes in patients blood pressure in time.

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 RN would have done the neurological assessment after every 4 hours as it was ordered and documented them. She would have called the healthcare provider in case of any slight changes because the patient was hit on the head and needed close monitoring to make sure there was no internal bleeding.

The RN would have notified the healthcare provider immediately when the blood pressure dropped from 145/68 at around 10pm to 91/57 and oxygen to 89% at around 2 in the morning.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and security; The RN failed to perform and document patient's assessment of hand grip which is part of neurological assessment.

Critical thinking: The RN failed to think critically. The patient was hit on the head and therefore needed very frequent and very keen assessment. Any slight changes in patients vital sign or in neurological assessment were supposed to be reported immediately to healthcare provider and to the charge nurse.

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 followed the doctor's order on the patient assessment on time and would have documented all the results and any slight changes if any.

A prudent nurse would have called the health care provider immediately and informed the supervisor or the charge nurse in case of any changes in patient vital signs and head to toe assessments.