

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ashley Baigen Date: 04/14/2023 DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Susan Dawn Ferguson License number of the defendant: 789084

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

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked 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 defendant's first charge was failure to notify the physician when the patient had a significant change in condition, she had increased confusion, disorientation and had multiple falls. The second charge the nurse failed to assess the patients' vital signs, patient was found on the floor, after multiple falls. The nurse assessed for injuries and left the patient on the floor. Later, staff found the patient unresponsive and in respiratory distress. The third charge against the defendant performed CPR on a patient despite knowing the patient had signed a DNR.

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.

Measures the nurse should have taken to prevent these incidents were making sure to notify the physician of the patient if she saw a decline in the patient's condition. Measures to have taken for the second charge was not leaving the patient on the floor after multiple falls. Measures to be taken for the third charge is the nurse caring and respecting the patients wishes. She knew the patient signed a DNR and continued to perform CPR.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The universal competencies that were violated were safety and physical by not caring for the patient since she left her lying on the floor. The nurse violated universal competencies of not having critical thinking when it came to her patient's such as not calling the PCP to notify the physician about the changes in the patient's condition. She violated her human caring an professional role due to lack of care and interaction with 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.

If knowing the patient's condition, I would immediately notify the physician to let them know what is going on with the patient. For the second patient If I had seen her on the floor, I would immediately call for help, assess for any injuries, ask her questions, and assess her vital signs. I would not leave the patient on the floor. As for the third charge by giving the patient CPR as nurse it is your job to know everything about your patient's wishes when it comes to situation like that. She knew what the patient wanted and did what she wanted.