

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Veronica Loera

Date: 04/14/2023

DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Mario Enrique Corona

License number of the defendant: RN 819495

Date action was taken against the license: 10/20/2022

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 February 1st, 2019, Mr. Corona failed to give continuous observation to a patient who was assessed as a high-risk for suicide. Mr. Corona turned his back on his patient by talking to security and walking into other patient's rooms, leaving his high-risk patient alone.

Mr. Corona stated he was the patients primary nurse and interventions were implemented to ensure patient safety and that his patient was in the most observable room in the ER while being in sight of all practitioners. Mr. Corona stated the patient was ultimately safe and free of harm. Mr. Corona was made aware if he wanted his license reactivated he would have to satisfy all requirements for reactivation and the minimum requirement such as, remedial education courses, work restrictions, along with supervised practice.

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.

Mr. Corona assessed his patient to be a high-risk for suicide, he should of realized the importance of being attentive to his patient by not leaving him/her alone. If the nurse had to get medications, he could of called for help from his coworkers to sit and be with his high-risk patient for that small amount of time. Even though his high-risk patient was in clear view of the providers, they are in the ER where it is busy and fast paced, it is very easy for providers to be distracted enough to where the patient could of left the room and no one notice. Mr. Corona should of stayed with his patient to care for his patient and to observe if any changes.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and Security. Patient was left alone while nurse went to assess other patients in the ER, relying on other staff members to watch his high-risk patient.

Safety and Security. Promote trust and respect. The high-risk patient could of felt like he/she was not important enough to be cared for since the nurse just left them alone.

Communication. The nurse was not consistant with observation of their high-risk patient as well as the patient's needs by leaving them alone.

Human Caring. The nurse should of spent more time with the patient to make them feel comfortable to where they can open up about their feelings to get more insight of what is going on with the patient as to why they are at high-risk for suicide. It was a perfect time for the nurse to listen to the patient's needs and concerns with respect, and the nurse did not do so by leaving the patient alone.

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.

I would let the charge nurse know Mr. Corona has left his high-risk patient for suicide alone while he has gone to tend to other patients, and is relying on providers and ER staff to watch the patient.