

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

**Student Name:** Zarin Gonzales

**Date:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**DAS Assignment #** 4 (1-4)

**Name of the defendant:** Rhonda Hall

**License number of the defendant:** 727357

**Date action was taken against the license:** July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Type of action taken against the license:** Voluntary Surrender

***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 in 2014 administered the wrong medication to a newborn patient which then led to the patient having to be transferred into the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). Essentially wrongful drug administration.

***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.***

-As stated for lots of these nurses, there are many actions that can be taken by that ensure that we administer the correct medications, and especially when it comes to newborn patients whose immune systems are compromised. We always must verify that the medications that we are administering are the ones that are ordered/verified to the orders of the patient. There are many points where we must verify, especially pulling from the medication system. Harm occurred to this newborn patient as they had to be put into the NICU. The first thing we learn in nursing school when we start talking about med admin is verify, verify and verify again and again. This could have been easily preventable.

***Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.***

-The universal competency that was broken was Safety and Security (Physical) because it is the nurses' job to verify the 7 rights of medication administration. With her administering the wrong medication and then voluntarily surrendering her license means she knew that she did not do what was required of her.

***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 obviously tell their superior of the mistake that had happened. As stated in all previous DAS assignments, it is always the patient's health first and then figure out the rest. You have to call a HCP to see what ways that the medication could be reversed in hopes it doesn't deem long term effects. You can

never protect others if that means that it puts patient's lives in danger. You must turn your fellow nurse in, in hopes that change can be made for the future.