

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Paulina Calzada

Date: 09/01/2023

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Merrydaile Pagulayan Punzalan

License number of the defendant: 809534

Date action was taken against the license: 06/08/2021

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.

The nurse was assigned to insert a PICC line into the patient, but did not correctly document the interventions she used on performed on this patient. She claims a midline catheter was already inserted into the patient which looked to be kinked at the insertion site with the dressing coming off. She says the patient refused to have the midline catheter removed and replaced with a PICC. Allegedly, she reported the contraindication of the catheters to the charge nurse and asked to have a new order placed. The nurse left her shift without receiving an order.

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 nurse in this situation claims that there was a contraindication of orders for the catheter. She came in to place a PICC line, but a midline catheter was already placed. It would have been essential to verify the order with the physician over the phone to ensure it wasn't a mistake. If the patient refused to have the catheter removed, then she should have documented that ASAP and let the charge nurse know. The nurse also left her shift without receiving a new order from the physician. She should had made sure the order was put in herself instead of asking the charge nurse to do it.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Documentation – The nurse did not document any of the interventions she performed on the patient such as tugging back on the catheter one centimeter to let out the kink, changing of the dressing and a malfunctioning catheter. It is crucial to document in the patients room to ensure accurate data.

Physical Safety – One of the 7 patient rights is to have the right order. The nurse needed to investigate why there was a contraindication of the catheters and call the physician to figure things out.

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 always make sure the patient is safe. In this case, I would assess the midline catheter on the patient and make sure it is working correctly and document before I leave the room. I would then call the physician to figure out why a PICC line was ordered for this patient when they already had a midline in. After investigating the situation, I would then take the actions necessary to ensure the patient is receiving appropriate care.