

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Patricia Barcas

Date: 9/3/2023

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Dana Marie Tulk

License number of the defendant: 859631

Date action was taken against the license: 2/12/2019

Type of action taken against the license: Reprimand 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 had given the patient hypertension medication Norvasc and Lorpressor before checking the patients blood pressure, because of that the patients suddenly had a change in condition in which they had to be transferred to the ICU. Later on a different day the nurse had failed to correctly level a blood specimen on a patient and sent it to the lab for testing, causing a likely chance of inaccurate patient care. She then forgot to attach a telemetry monitor on a patient after receiving an order from the physician, because of that the patient wasn't monitored for a few hours.

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 should have checked the blood pressure of the patient instead of relying on the nurse aids vitals that were taken a few hours earlier. She should also not pull every patients labels for labs all at the same time because it causes lots and lots of confusion. The nurse also should have thought "oh I wonder why that telemetry hasn't arrived yet when its been a while since I sent the request" or she could've checked if the fax machine was working before sending the request.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Critical thinking was violated because the nurse knew she was giving hypertension medications but didn't think about checking her blood pressure. The label mixup could have been avoided if she had thought to just pull patients labels one at a time rather than all of it at the same time. Also the nurse didn't check if the fax machine was working which is an easy thing to do.

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 I had found the nurse giving the hypertension medications without checking her blood pressure, I first check the patients blood pressure then immediately tell the charge nurse about what my fellow nurse had just done. If I saw all the patient labels just scattered and everywhere I would tell her that it's not right for her to get all her patient labels because she could get them mixed up for one another but if I saw her drawing the blood and putting in the wrong label I would tell the nurse she's putting on the wrong label and that she's going to harm the patient in that way, afterwards ill tell the charge nurse. As for the fax machine, if she had asked me if the fax machine was working I would tell her no so she can quickly find another way to get the telemetry monitors but if I knew that the patient was supposed to be on telemetry I would find the nurse and ask her why the patient doesn't have any telemetry monitors on her and then go tell the charge nurse that she hadn't had checked to see if the fax machine was working in order to get a telemetry monitor and that its been a few hours since she needed to hook the monitor on the patient.