

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Maria Alegre**

Date: **9/15/2023**

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: **Debra Pierre**

License number of the defendant: **836547**

Date action was taken against the license: June 30, 2015

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 reason that this RN found herself in trouble was because she infused IV magnesium at a more rapid rate than ordered, putting them at risk for magnesium toxicity.

On a separate occasion, the nurse inserted a Foley, did not check for urine return making it to where another Foley needed to be placed and making the pt more at risk to infection.

Another reason she is in trouble is because the respondent did not check orders after a pt got out of surgery. The pt was suppose to receive 1000 mg of IV acetaminophen and didn't. She put the pt at risk for uncontrolled pain.

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.

I believe the nurse should have slowed down and checked her orders and IV pump to make sure the IV was infusing at the right rate. I also think some classes over Foley insertion would benefit her a lot. She should have definitely checked her orders especially knowing this pt was post-op. He already at a risk for pain.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety was definitely breached with the administration of magnesium and lack of administration of the acetaminophen. She lacked critical thinking skills during the Foley insertion procedure.

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 found out my pt was receiving magnesium at a faster rate. I'd slow down the infusion, draw labs and make sure my pt was on a telemetry device as well as call the physician and my nurse manager.

If I saw the Foley was not put in correctly I'd go ahead and insert a new one but also make sure i was assessing my pt for any signs of infection and document why i had to reinsert.

For the post op pt I'd assess their pain.I'd call the physician to see if they still want me to give or want to order something stronger since the pt would probably be in more pain. I'd also report to my nurse manager to make sure the incident is known.