

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kimberly Zertuche    Date: 07/11

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Esther Craven

License number of the defendant: 433699

Date action was taken against the license: 05/10/2011

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

*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.*

Ms. Craven administered the wrong medication to a pt that possibly contributing to the pt ultimately dying. Instead of given the ordered medication drip of 200mg Lasix in 100mL, running at 10mg/hr, Ms. Craven administered 100units of insulin in 100mL. Ms. Craven also wrongfully documented that she had administered Lasix instead of Insulin.

*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.*

Ms. Craven should have confirmed orders on at least 3 different occasions, upon order being placed in chart, at the Pyxis and at bedside while documenting the administration of meds. She should have reassessed pt per hospital policy in which she would have noticed the pt in hypoglycemia and should have reported the incident immediately to her charge nurse and/or Physician upon noticing that the wrong med had been given.

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

Ms. Craven violated pt safety and security when she failed to complete the 7 rights for medication administration by not verifying the right medication, dose, reason and documentation.

Ms. Craven did not demonstrate proper critical thinking by failing to re-assess her pt during and after the administration of insulin.

Ms. Craven failed to properly document the proper medication administered.

Ms. Craven failed in her professional role to notify the proper staff members of her wrong doing.

*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.*

Had I of seen that the incorrect medication was being infused, I would immediately stop the infusion, evaluate the pt for immediate intervention if needed, contact the pt's nurse and charge nurse and if need be contact the attending provider depending of hospital policy.