

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Priscilla Garcia

Date: 09-14-2023

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Haynes Wilson

License number of the defendant: 652493

Date action was taken against the license: 06-16-2015

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.*

- **Patient number 1:** Failed to administer *Insulin* to patient who was hyperglycemic. Did not document why medication was held and failed to notify physician. Patients' blood sugar went from 316-439 (Nurse stated he believed that patient could not handle dose of insulin and should have let physician know)
- **Patient number 2:** Failed to administer *Heparin* to separate patient, documented that medication was held because it was not available, but it was readily available. Failed to notify physician that medication was held. (Nurse stated he could not remember this incident but should have reached out to the charge nurse)
- **Patient number 3:** Failed to intervene or administer *Norepinephrine* to patient who was critically hypotensive. Patient was not given norepinephrine until 5 hours after it was ordered. Nurse failed to assess and record blood pressure every 15 minutes after medication was finally administered to patient. (Nurse stated he had been away from the computer for several hours and had not seen the 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.*

- *I believe you should always try to document in the patient's room or in the med room if a medication is going to be held as necessary. Ex. If a dose will be missed because there is no supply in med room and pharmacy has to send up; you should document in the med room. If patient refuses medication or if you are assessing patient and they are not able to receive medication you should then document in the patient room before leaving.*
- *Always make sure you know the medications you are giving and if you need any pre or post assessments.*
- *Never spend hours away from your computer because I believe that translates to being hours away from your patients. You should be assessing your patients and documenting in the room if possible especially your urgent findings.*

- *Never hold a medication without documenting. We do have the power to hold a medication if we feel it is in our best judgment, but it is also crucial we document and let the physician know medication was held and for what reason so that hopefully we can find an alternative way to give our patient the best care.*

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

- *Documentation: With all three patients the nurse failed to document. The nurse did not document why medications were being held.*
- *Critical thinking: I believe this nurse did not have critical thinking skills when he did not perform the necessary assessments for Norepinephrine. As a nurse it is our job to make sure we know the medications we are giving and understand that we must check if there are any needed pre or post assessments we must perform with our medications. I also believe we cannot afford to be away from our computers for hours. Even if you spend the hours with all of your patients you should be in the room documenting. We must know what is going on with our patient at all times.*
- *Communication: I believe had this nurse communicated with patient number one about insulin need/ gotten more information on the patient's history of insulin use and maybe educated on hyperglycemia Then this nurse could have documented all his findings. We as nurses cannot just assume a patient is not fit for a medication and hold it which also ties into critical thinking. This nurse should have asked questions and gotten more information to document and share with the physician.*

*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.*

- *I believe a prudent nurse for patients 1 and 2 would immediately notify the physician that medications have been held and assess the patients thoroughly for any harmful effects due to delayed treatment. For patient number 3, I would do a focused cardiac and respiratory assessment, and also make sure the patient did not suffer any harmful effects due to delayed treatment.*