

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

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Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sherry Ann Peoples
defendant: 256684

License number of the

Date action was taken against the license: 5.14.2019

Type of action taken against the license: Limited License 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 defendant, Sherry Ann Peoples, used bed sheets tied to the bed railing to restrain a patient. Furthermore, 20 minutes after shift change an oncoming nurse found the same patient lying in soiled bed linens as well as a disconnected tube feeding. These events were found on or around June 5th 2018.

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.

In order to prevent further harm to the patient someone should have checked on the patient before the oncoming nurse did 20 minutes after shift change. Furthermore, the defendant states that the doctor ordered soft wrist restraints, so at the very least the patient should have been checked on every 2 hours. The defendant should have never used bed sheets as restraints in the first place, but better documentation and information provided to the doctor should have been provided to prevent extreme measures. There should have been proper monitoring, and changing patients' positions. The nurse should have also monitored and properly documented nutritional needs, due to the tube feeding, as well as, utilized the 4 P's.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and Security (physical and emotional): The nurse restrained the patient incorrectly causing very limited movement. The nurse also violated the patient's trust and respect by immobilizing them, allowing for them to lay in soiled linens, and not taking proper care of the tube feeding.

Standard Precaution: If the patients sheets were soiled and tube feeding was disconnected during the shift then the nurse should have cleaned it up and not allow the patient to lay in filth. Putting them at risk for injuries such as pressure injuries, or not getting the nutrition that they needed.

Critical Thinking: The nurses critical thinking skills were very poor. Her decision making skills did not reflect those of a proper nurse and were not in the best interest of the patient or the institutions. The intervention of using bed sheets rather than soft wrist restraints was mind boggling. She put the patient in harm's way.

Documentation: The nurse did not follow doctors orders, nor did she document using bed sheets as restraints.

Human Caring: I believe this is the main universal competency violated. The nurse did not treat the patient with respect. She did not listen to the patient's needs and put the patient at huge risk for harm. What she did does not represent treating a patient with care or dignity.

Professional Role: The nurse did not utilize equipment or supplies properly and in the ways it was intended.

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 were to have been the one to discover what the nurse had done, my attention would first go towards the patient. I would reduce any risk that the patient was placed in and listen to the patients needs rather than just listening to mine. Once the patient was safe, clean and well attended to I would confront the nurse, ask why they would do this, listen to their thought process, and if I was allowed to do so, check what exactly they documented. I would definitely alert any superior, so that further action could be taken. When it comes to a patient's safety and mental stability, that is something that should not be violated, especially in the way it was.