

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Bryanna Moreno Date: 11/10/2023 DAS Assignment # ____3____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Martin Ruiz Alaniz License number of the defendant: 676510

Date action was taken against the license: 1/17/2014

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.

While working at Connally Memorial Medical Center, defendant Martin Alaniz administered Dilantin 1GM via Intravenous push to a patient after being told to give a loading dose of Dilantin 1000mg IV. The defendant failed to push the medication at the correct rate of 50mg per minute, instead the defendant rapidly pushed the medication which caused the patient to go into cardiac arrest and therefore required cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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.

This error made by the defendant could have been easily avoided if the defendant had researched or verified the appropriate IV push rate prior to administering the medication. If unsure, the defendant should have verified with another nurse or simply look up the appropriate push rate to ensure the patient's safety.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The defendant violated the safety and security of the patient by failing to verify the 7 rights for medication administration, most importantly the right time. The critical thinking universal competency was also violated due to the defendant's lack of decision making when administering Dilantin which ultimately led to the patient being harmed.

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 been the person to witness the harm being done to the patient, I would immediately ensure the patient's safety and begin to treat the patient based off what had been administered in this case, the Dilantin. After notifying the charge nurse and rapid response team to treat the patient's reaction to the medication I would

then document my findings and proceed to do my part as a nurse to ensure the patient has a safe recovery from the rapid medication push.