

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Chantal Navarrete  
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Date: 11/10/23

DAS Assignment #

Name of the defendant: Seema Samuel

License number of the defendant: 747343

Date action was taken against the license: December 22, 2010

Type of action taken against the license: Formal charges in which licensure was revoked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.*

Charge 1: The nurse failed to notify the surgeon/physician of the specific rules of the consent signed by the patient in terms of where the placement of the port a cath was indicated to be by the patient. The nurse also failed in making sure the correct site in which the port was supposed to be placed was marked up. As the nurse present during the procedure, the port was placed on the opposite side (left side) instead of the intended site (right side). The nurse did not advocate for the patient in regard to their wishes and consent and in addition, did not follow professional nursing practices.

Charge 2: The nurse did not prepare the patient in the correct manner in terms of where the placement of the port was supposed to be. As a result, the wrong procedure site was performed contrary to the patient's wishes. The nurse allowed this to happen and as a result fell into the category of a wrong-site procedure and unauthorized procedure.

*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.*

A measure I believe that would have prevented this situation from happening was ultimately going through the patient's chart/consent before the procedure to make sure all of their wishes were followed through. This could have greatly changed the trajectory of the whole situation and could have prevented the patient's wishes from not be followed. In addition, I would have also made sure that the entire procedure team knew the patient's wishes along with making sure their procedure site was marked up in the correct site. I believe having everyone on the same page and notified of the patients consent information could have also changed the results of this situation.

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

Safety and security (Physical) (Pre-procedure time-out): The nurse did not make sure that the patient's wishes and consented information were being carried out correcting during the time out procedures.

Safety and Security (Emotional) (Promote trust and respect): The nurse did not promote trust and respect towards the patient by not following the patient's wishes in regard to where they wanted the port inserted and making sure their safety was a priority.

Communication (Utilize resources to enable communication consistent with agency protocols): The nurse did not utilize the patient's consented information in order to communicate to the procedure team the correct placement of the port.

Critical thinking (Decision making/Prioritization of tasks/procedures): The nurse did not make sure that the correct site of the patient's body was marked up before undergoing the procedure.

Critical thinking (Evaluation and revision of interventions): The nurse did not evaluate the consent and insertion site prior to the procedure.

Human Caring (Treat patient with respect and dignity): The nurse did not treat the patient with respect and dignity by not following their specific wishes in which they consented to.

Human Caring (Listening to the patient's needs): The nurse did not listen to the patients' specific needs in regards to the placement of the port and allowed it to be placed on the opposite side of the correct site.

*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.*

As the first person to discover that the patient's wishes were not followed, I would directly notify a supervisor along with the procedure team. I would then verify that the consent had been signed prior to the procedure and brought it up to a charge nurse/supervisor.