

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Scotlynn Winn

Date:1/16/24

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Bolanos, Frank Joseph

License number of the defendant: 709132

Date action was taken against the license: 11/10/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

- On March 19, 2019, Bolanos was an nurse in the operating room at Williamson Surgery Center. His job was to correctly identify the lower limb that the surgery was going to take place on and make sure the surgeon had infact marked the correct site. This nurse also did not perform a timeout (a safety check) with those in the room prior to surgery to make sure that the correct leg had been marked according to the patient's chart. This resulted in surgery being started on the incorrect leg before anyone realized.
- Bolanos and others should have double and triple checked within the patient's chart to make sure the correct leg was being operated on. A time out could have caught the mistake made by the surgeon that had been missed before by the nurse as well.
- Safety and Security physical: Pre-procedure timeout- did not perform this to make sure patient was being operated on in the correct spot which caused unnecessary harm

Critical Thinking: Evaluation and revision of procedures- Once again if Bolanos had used critical thinking to double and triple check the site and where it was supposed to be done a "revision" of what extremity they were preparing for surgery could have been easily changed.

- A prudent nurse who had caught this mistake should first stop everything happening in the OR to let everyone know the wrong leg has been marked according to the chart and take the time to prepare the correct leg; also a Pre-procedure time out should then be done again explaining the mishap and confirming that the correct leg is now prepared for surgery.