

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Inna Purser

Date: 01/19/2024

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant:

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License number of the defendant: 772613

Date action was taken against the license: 09/14/2021

Type of action taken against the license: Warning 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.*

There were multiple actions made by the registered nurse Regina Avila, that lead to charges being brought up against the license. The initial infraction was made in 2018 while she was working at Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center. The Registered nurse failed to wear a clean surgical mask or any form of protective facial equipment while changing required Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) dressing. The procedure must be done in a sterile manner and the necessary steps cannot be circumvented nor bypassed.

Later the same year the above-mentioned nurse failed to administer intravenous medication at the prescribed rate.

Another infraction happened when the registered nurse Regina Avila failed to verify and confirm the prescribed IV medication's infusion rate against the physician's records before administering it. Furthermore, the nurse took a needle into the patient's room and left it there uncapped while she went to obtain additional supplies.

- *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 the abovementioned registered nurse Regina Avila could have prevented all the legal actions that was brought up against her license if she simply were more diligent and followed the standards and protocols set by the medical facility she worked at that time. Unnecessary harm could have been done to those patients because the RN did not follow the universal competencies. The simple fact that the nurse did not wear the surgical mask while performing a sterile procedure could have led to the patient being exposed to harmful microorganism and feasibly developing a blood stream associate infection.

Furthermore, the fact the nurse did not confirm an intravenous medication's infusion rate that was prescribed by the physician, could have led to that medication not being effective or/and causing serious damage if it was administered too rapidly. The action could have produced unwanted and unintended results. In additions to all, the above-mentioned infractions, the fact that an experienced nurse brought into the patient's room and left an uncapped unprotected sharp object, a needle in this case, that could have easy been accessible to the patient and the family, especially minors, is a violation of one of the cardinal universal competencies that cannot be circumvented. This action could have led to detrimental distress and trauma to the patient, family, and caregivers by being exposed to bloodborne pathogen.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

There were multiple Universal competencies violated in this case, that led to legal charges being brought up against the RN license. First and foremost, patient's Safety and Security were inadvertently violated. The Seven Right of the Medications were performed incorrectly by unintentionally changing the medication infusion rate, the nurse altered the dose that was given to the patient.

Moreover, aseptic technique wasn't executed by the nurse in the mandatory sterile procedure of Central Venous Access Device dressing change. That action by itself violated Standard precaution of Universal competencies. Additionally, the dispose of contaminated material, in form of used uncapped needle, wasn't performed in a timely manner and could have cause a substantial injury to the patient, family and fellow caregivers.

- *Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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.*

A prudent nurse should report the witnessed infractions to the charge nurse and the assigned physician. Moreover, either the charge nurse or the nurse who discovered the possible harm to a patient would have capability to report the criminal activity done to a patient to Texas Board of Nursing for further investigation.