

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Anayeli Deleon Date: 01/19/2024

DAS Assignment # __1__

Name of the defendant: Roger Gabrillo Alicante

License number of the defendant: 754611

Date action was taken against the license: 09/11/2011

Type of action taken against the license: Suspended/Probation

- 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 Respondent was a Telemetry Nurse at the McAllen Medical Center in McAllen, Texas for 9 years and 9 months. On February 21, 2018 at 3:08am, Alicante was notified by the telemetry technician that the patient was experiencing episodes of ventricular tachycardia. The Respondent stated that he went into the room to intervene a tachycardia episode that he was notified about, but the patient appeared to be back to her normal state and the monitor read a normal sinus rhythm. The nurse states that around 3 in the morning, the nursing assistant notified him that the patient was running high temperature. The Respondent decided to intervene, he administered acetaminophen and suctioned the patient. After administering the patient and suctioning her, he realized that the patient did not have a pulse and was unresponsive. After realizing the patient was pulseless, he called the telemetry technician to verify if she noticed any abnormal activities. The telemetry technician stated that she noticed ventricular tachycardia, once he heard the news he rushed out of the patient's room to take the crash, begin CPR and called a code blue. Alicante also failed to chart the occurrence of the code. The Respondent had a charge of depriving the physician from the opportunity to intervene with medical help for the patient along with delaying the time for nursing intervention, and incomplete medical record.

- 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.

The actions that could have been taken to change the license from being suspended was to simply be attentive with the patient's heart rhythm from both the telemetry technician and the registered nurse. Knowing that the telemetry technician could have been able to call the code could have also saved the patient. If Alicante would have been paying more attention to the patient after the first time he was notified about the tachycardia, then he could have saved the patient's life if he would have told the charge nurse and physician.

- Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.

-AIDET was violated because if he would have spoken to the patient, he would have noticed that the patient was unresponsive before he administered medication

-Teaching might have been violated because he clearly did not speak to the patient before administering the medication or suctioning the patient.

-Assessment related to patient symptoms was violated during the first time he was notified that the patient was experiencing tachycardia because he just ignored it after he went in and noticed that she was back to normal sinus rhythm

-Decision making was also violated because he decided to call the telemetry technician and to go grab the crash cart before beginning CPR on the patient

-spending time with the patient was violated because he did not spend time with the patient after knowing she was beginning to experience tachycardia episodes

-Managing resources efficiently was violated because the telemetry technician was a very valuable resource that helped him keep an eye out for his patients

- 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.

A prudent nurse would first and foremost assist in resuscitation before anything. Once the nurse finishes in assisting, the nurse would then speak to the charge nurse and physician to explain everything that happened. Since the nurse would have then been involved in the patient's resuscitation attempt, the nurse would file a report explaining everything that they knew about.