

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Renee Hall

Date: 01/25/24

DAS Assignment # 2

**Name of the defendant:** Rina Abraham, RN

**License number of the defendant:** 810012

**Date action was taken against the license:** 12/10/2019.

**Type of action taken against the license:** Warning with Stipulations, Deferred

- ***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.***
  - o About September 15, 2018, the defendant was working as an RN at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. The defendant unsuccessfully administered a continuous Heparin infusion to her patient at the time. The defendant also falsely documented that the Heparin infusion was given to her patient. This wrongful documentation put the patient at risk for harm and could have prolonged the patient's treatment. (Pg. 2 point 7)
  - o About October 14, 2018, the defendant was still working at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. The defendant unsuccessfully gave her patient her Dilaudid 4mg promptly, per physician orders. Due to the defendant's poor time judgment, the patient could have been in a tremendous amount of pain. (Pg. 2 point 8)
  - o About October 14, 2018, the defendant was still working at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. The defendant did not document that the physician was called two separate times for the same problem. The patient had a high blood sugar reading 303 and 291. The defendant made the patients' medical record inaccurate and the probability of injuring the patient was high and that the other care givers would not have gotten correct information. (Pg. 2 point 9)
  
- ***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.***
  - o For my first point, the RN should have taken the time for her patient to administer the medication instead of ignoring the physician's order.
  - o For my second point, the RN should have been looking at her orders to know when the next dose/first dose of the patient's pain medication was due so the patients would not have to be in pain.

- o For my third point, the RN should have been documenting everything that was concerning her patient at the time, test results, calls made about the patient, and what the nurse did for the patient.
  
- **Identify ALL universal competencies that were violated and explain how.**
  - o The RN breached Safety and Security (Physical) not following the 7 rights for medication administration (Dose, time, and documentation) because the RN did not give the right dose of dilaudid, nor did she give it at the right time, and she did not document it. The RN also did not give the heparin at all which breached the wrong time, and she also did not document.
  - o Safety and Security (Emotional) was breached by the RN for not promoting trust and respect for her patients that she did not give the medication to and did not document on.
  - o Critical Thinking was breached by the RN for not prioritizing her tasks by being late to give pain medication and not documenting, not having good decision making for the medications she did not give and was late on, and ignoring the assessment related to the patients symptoms for the high blood sugar and the dilaudid
  - o The RN breached documentation because she did not document that she talked to the physician, that she gave the heparin when she did not, that she gave the pain medication late.
  - o The RN breached human caring not being involved with her patients and their care and not listening to the patients' needs.
  - o Professional role was breached by the RN for not taking care of her patients, for not being there for the patients and I feel like she was neglecting her 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.**
  - o What I would have done when I found out she was falsely documenting and not giving medications would be go straight to the manager or higher than the manager and let them know what I just saw. I would also fill out a Datix on that RN and if I could email or call the Texas Board of Nursing because it is not right to falsely document and not give medications that are helping the patients get better.