

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alexis Vargas

Date: 03/26/2024

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Name of the defendant: Anna Maria Perry, RN

License number of the defendant: 989328

Date action was taken against the license: 02/14/2023

Type of action taken against the license: 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.*

Anna Maria Perry had multiple occurrences that happened in the medical center. These actions were unprofessional on Anna Perry's part. These unprofessional actions include withholding a medication, failing to waste a medication and get a witness to observe, not performing an assessment on the patient, and testing positive for drugs in her system while working in the medical center. These findings exposed the patient to harm under the circumstances of the nurse.

Anna Maria Perry withheld 2 grams of Cefazolin as ordered by the physician. In this situation, this is direct harm to the patient because this medication was used to treat a bacterial infection. Withholding the medication was not allowing the patient to get properly healed or treat the infection and could also make the patient feel worse.

Anna Marie Perry failed to have another nurse witness her wasting Morphine that was left in a PCA pump. This medication was discontinued by the physician and need to have another nurse wasting the medication because it is an abusive drug that could get into the wrong hands. Not only did Anna Maria Perry fail to get a witness but she also left the PCA pump in the patients which created an unsafe environment for the patient or any visitors that the patient may have had.

Anna Maria Perry neglected to perform and document a patient assessment which created an inaccurate medical record. This also has a risk of harming the patient as this could have revealed any problems or new findings within the patient that may have needed further treatment or attention.

Anna Maria Perry also showed up to work incapable to work and showing impaired behavior such as slurred speech, slouched posture, and unable to keep her eyes open. Upon seeing these signs, a urine drug screen was done and she tested positive for amphetamines, alprazolam, and lorazepam. Upon taking these drugs this could impair her ability to take care of her patient or notice any different signs and symptoms the patient could be having.

In conclusion, Anna Maria Perry was exposing her patient to harm by being negligent and not performing the work needed to be done.

Multiple measures could have prevented Anna Maria Perry from getting her license revoked. Anna Maria could have made time or put time aside to give the patient her antibiotic and document it. This would allow the patient to heal from the bacterial infection.

The nurse could have slowed down, took the pump with her rather than leaving it in the patient's room and exposing the patient to harm. She also could have went to the nurses' station and asked someone who was not busy to watch her dispose of the medication properly.

Most of the actions could have been prevented if the nurse had made time to execute her to do list such as administering medications and wasting properly and performing the head-to-toe assessment.

As far as the nurse coming to work impaired, she could have called in. Since she decided to go to work impaired, she was putting all her patients at risk and not performing her job correctly. It also goes against the hospital's protocol to show up to work impaired.

**Safety and security** was violated because the nurse showed up to work being impaired and unable to take care of herself, let alone the patient.

**Standard precaution** was violated when the nurse did not take the PCA pump out of the room and dispose/ waste of the morphine properly.

**Critical thinking** was violated when the nurse didn't perform the assessment on the patient to determine whether the patient was getting better or needed attention to another area.

**Documentation** was violated when the RN didn't document what happened to the morphine from the PCA pump. It was also violated when she did not administer the medication to the patient.

**Professional role** was violated when the nurse showed up impaired and unable to perform her job correctly. It was also violated when the nurse did not administer the medication since it was the nurse's role and she did not carry that job out.

If I was the person to discover these events, I would report to the charge nurse and physician. I would then contact the physician to ask about the patient missing a dose and see what the doctor wanted to do. I would then make sure the other patient wasn't harmed with the pump being left in the room and ensure safety to the patient. Then I would perform the head-to-toe assessment to make sure all was well with the patient who did not have a that done. If no other problems occurred with the physical I would offer Anna Maria Perry to go get help from the board of nursing.