

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Cynthia Cerda

Date: 04-04-2024

DAS Assignment #2

Name of the defendant: Janine Villanueva Perkins

License number of the defendant: 864683

Date action was taken against the license: September 26, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations and a Fine

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.

Janine Villanueva Perkins had infractions in the hospital setting, which resulted in the TBON sanctioning her license with Warning with Stipulations and a Fine. The following events occurred while Ms. Perkins worked as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department of Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Her violations involved: failure to notify the physician of elevated Troponin levels, failure to repeat the Troponin level, providing inaccurate information in her cardiac assessment, and failure to notify the physician of her patient's elevated glucose and creatinine levels and lastly, failure to document and alert the physician of the patient's history of diabetes. Each of these instances led to the TBON's decision that disciplinary action was necessary, and the stipulations would aid Ms. Perkins to be compliant.

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.

A possible action that may have prevented measures being taken against Ms. Perkin's license could have been to have a graduate nurse's training program for the ED, since she had been a Registered Nurse for just 15 months and had only been there for four months. Having a preceptor to help acclimate to a new position, may have been helpful.

Identify ALL universal competencies which were violated and explain how.

The Universal Competencies which were violated were: Safety and Security (Emotional), Communication, Critical Thinking, Documentation, and Professional Role.

Safety and Security were breached by not promoting trust in Ms. Perkin's ability to care for her patient and keep him/her safe and secure.

Communication was breached when Ms. Perkin's failed to teach her patient about the labs being drawn and their need for a possible repeat Troponin level. She also failed to utilize the resources to enable communication consistent with hospital protocols, like notifying your physician regarding vital lab tests.

Critical Thinking was the Universal Competency which was the more detrimental. This was violated when Ms. Perkin's failed to evaluate her SBARs and make recommendations to the physician regarding Troponin levels, glucose and creatinine levels, and her inaccurate cardiac assessments, along with her failure to document an accurate history regarding the patient's history of diabetes. Each assessment that was not conducted, due to the patient's symptoms, left the patient vulnerable and at increased risk.

Documentation was breached when Ms. Perkin's documented false information regarding her patient's cardiac assessment that the blood pressure was normal, when the patient was suffering from tachycardia and hypertension. Once the Troponin level was high, that should have been documented as well as her assessment and recommendation to the physician. The last issue with documentation was Ms. Perkin's failure to document the patient's history of diabetes in the medical record. All of these inaccuracies in documentation exposed the patient to unnecessary risks.

Professional Role was breached when Ms. Perkin's was not disclosing the truth and accurate information regarding lab levels, follow ups, and her lack of interaction with the physician for the benefit of her patient.

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.

As a colleague, I would have taken my concerns to the charge nurse or nurse manager and ask for their help and input. I would have encouraged her to contact the physician regarding the patient's lab values and to recheck her focused assessments. I would have stressed how important an accurate and complete medical record is for the benefit of the patient's baseline and care.