

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ian Furgason
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Date: 04/04/2024

DAS Assignment #

Name of the defendant: Timothy David Green

License number of the defendant: 703857

Date action was taken against the license: 10/22/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Probated suspension

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 nurse Timothy Green was a nurse at the Anderson county jail in Palestine Texas as well as Palestine Regional Medical Center, upon finishing his shift at Palestine regional on June 14,2018 he was notified by jail staff an inmate was complaining of stomach pain and he reported that he would head to the jail after his shift to assess the patient. After assessing the inmate Timothy Green medicated the patient and drew labs that were sent off. After medicating the inmate, the inmate reported they felt better and returned to their cell. Timothy Green did follow up with the inmate who was still in pain and denied transport to the hospital. Timothy Green's next shift at Anderson county jail he received notification of a critical lab result of a potassium of 2.2 but stated he did not hear the lab tech state this. After picking up the lab report he noticed the lab result and notified the physician immediately who ordered the inmate be taken directly to the hospital. Upon speaking with other jail staff, he was notified that the inmate had become unresponsive and was in cardiac arrest. Timothy Green's license was suspended for failing to accurately and completely document, failure to collaborate with physician by failing to notify the physician of the change in the inmate's condition, as well as failure to report the patient's low potassium of 2.2 causing the patient to go into cardiac arrest.

· *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.*

Actions that could have been taken to prevent any action against Timothy Greens license would be to document all appropriate actions for the patient as well as remain diligent and undistracted when taking critical result phone calls on the phone. This could have prevented this inmate going into cardiac arrest and getting to the hospital in a timely manner to receive proper treatment.

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

Universal competencies that were broken include communication by not communicating with the lab technician properly as well as not communicating the lab results to the physician in a timely manner. Timothy Green also violated the universal competency of documentation by not documenting the critical lab results for all healthcare staff to review.

· *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 report this incident to the appropriate administration at the jail such as the physician in charge of medical staff. This would allow a report to be filed or reprimands be taken so that future incidents such as this one do not happen. It would also allow for education to be sent to all medical staff to ensure that when receiving reports over the phone they stay alert preventing patient harm.

References

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