

# DAS PRESENTATION

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## IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

- Joe Rosales Gatica, RN
- License number: 797426

## DATE AND ACTIONS TAKEN

- Date action was taken against the license: 03/14/2023
- Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

## EVENTS LEADING TO ACTION TAKEN...

- Joe Rosales Gatica left the rehabilitation suite prior to the end of his shift, leaving multiple tasks uncompleted. These tasks include not giving a hand-off report, failing to complete the narcotic count along with leaving the medication cart unsecured with the keys laying on top of a counter.
- Joe Rosales Gatica also submitted a false time sheet with hours that were not worked.

## MEASURES TO PREVENT ACTION

- Multiple measures could have been taken to prevent Joe Rosales Gatica from getting his license revoked.
- The nurse could have completed the narcotic count and put the keys back where they were supposed to go. Rather than risking the patients or any other people from getting into the narcotics.
- The nurse could have told the charge nurse that he was not up for working rather than leaving the suite with no one knowing and gave his hand-off report to another co worker to ensure his patients got their proper treatment and care.

## 5 UNIVERSAL COMPETENCIES BREACHED

- **Standard precaution** was violated when the nurse left the medication cart unsecured with the keys not properly put up.
- **Communication** was violated when the nurse failed to give a hand-off report to his coworkers.
- **Critical thinking** was violated when the nurse didn't prioritize his patient's treatment and care and put the patient at risk for harm when the nurse left the rehabilitation suite before his shift ended.
- **Documentation** was violated when the nurse did not complete and document the narcotic count and submitted a fraudulent time sheet.
- **Professional role** was violated when the nurse left the rehabilitation suite prior to end of his shift.

# HOW I WOULD REACT IF I WAS THE FIRST TO DISCOVER THE INCIDENT

- If I was the first person to discover these events, I would first report this to the charge nurse. I would go to and count the narcotics with a witness to ensure that all narcotics were still there and if some were missing, I would have a witness to verify that they were gone before I started counting. I would also make sure to put the keys in the appropriate spot. Then I would make sure that the charge nurse took care of the hand-off reports and do rounds on Joe Rosales Gatica's patients to ensure no harm was done to them.