

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alexxys Riojas

Date: 08/15/2024

DAS Assignment #1

Name of the defendant: Daniel Blaine Hall

License number of the defendant: 883513

Date action was taken against the license: 08/10/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

- *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.*

-Daniel Hall had two charges taken against him. One for which he performed a rectal exam on a female patient without a female nurse in the room as deemed necessary in the protocol. Nurse Hall also did not have a provider's order for this exam. Once he performed this exam he failed to document the findings and the procedure, this was his second charge. This hindered the care for the patient by not allowing all the health care provider to have all the patient's medical information in order to make a treatment plan.

- *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.*

- Nurse Hall could have checked the hospital policy to double check the proper care for the situation of rectal/vaginal exams which could include consents to do perform the procedure and staffing. In doing so he would have noted that a female coworker needed to be present in the room while the exam was being performed. Hall could have also explained to the patient why the exam was needed and if she wanted to proceed with the exam. Hall should have also verified that there was an order for the patient to have received the exam and used his critical thinking to determine why it would have been necessary for the patient. Once the exam was completed the nurse should have documented the findings as he knows that documentation is vital to the patient as it gives all the information to be taken into account when making a decision for treatment.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.*
 - *Documentation: Hall violated documentation by failing to document the rectal exam but also the findings which can harm the patient due to not having all the information related to their health and not allowing the provider to have all the needed information to properly treat this patient.*

- *Safety and Security (Emotional)- The nurse violated this competency by not promoting trust and respect for the patient by performing the exam even though it was not ordered. The nurse violated Standard Precaution by not following the protocol for having a female nurse in the room while the exam is happening, which is also tying into the respect of the patient as it could have made her more comfortable.*
- *Human caring- Human caring was violated by nurse Hall due to performing an unordered rectal exam on the patient because it was unneeded exam possibly causing the patient discomfort. Also failing to have a female present could have possible caused anxiety for the patient as well due to having a male in her personal space.*
- *Critical thinking- critical thinking was violated because the nurse did not use this process to see or determine why the exam would be have been necessary for the patient but continued to perform the exam anyway. If Hall was to have used this he would have triple checked to see if there was an order in place and to have followed policy.*
- *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.*
 - *If I was the nurse that discovered the events, I would notify my charge nurse so that they are aware of the actions that took place. I would also pull the nurse aside and remind them of policy and to check orders before performing an exam. Remind the nurse why documentation is also vital to the patient and their treatment. I would also check on my patient to see how they were feeling.*