

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Misti Damron

Date: 08/23/2024

DAS Assignment #: 1

Name of the defendant: Mary Ellen Bernardy

License number of the defendant: 559548

Date action was taken against the license: 04/22/2021

Type of action taken against the license: REVOKED

- *On or about May 13, 2010, Ms. Bernard, was a registered nurse that was employed at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Galveston, Texas when she decided that she should put her hand over a patients mouth while performing a blood draw.*
- *Ms. Bernardy should have not put her hand over a patient's mouth not only was this action unprofessional it could have also caused the patient physical and emotional issues. There are several measures she could have taken to ease the tension, anxiety, and angst of the child. Depending on the age of the child there are ways to teach and explain the procedure such as demonstrating on a doll or get creative like drawing a picture. She could have even given the child something to play with such as her badge, stethoscope or pen light to distract him/her.*
- *The universal competencies I feel that were broken, safety and security both emotional and physical, communication, critical thinking, human caring, and the professional role. Examples of each: Safety and Security (physical & emotional) – she did not promote trust with the patient by putting her hand over the child's mouth and depending on the child's medical condition/s she could have caused physical harm. Communication – I feel like if she would have had better communication skills such as teaching, she could have eased the patients fears. Critical thinking – Ms. Bernardy, was not thinking at all. Professional Role – as nurses we do not treat our patients like this.*
- *If I would have been there and witnessed this, I would have politely asked her to let me take over and insist she goes to the charge nurse and explain what she did and if she refused, I would go straight to the charge nurse.*