

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Cayce Britton Date: 08/22/2024

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Melessia Marie Haggerton License number of the defendant: 663102

Date action was taken against the license: December 10th, 2018

Type of action taken against the license: Suspend/Probate

- *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.*

-Medication ERRORS

-Malessia Marine Haggerton, RN, completed two medication errors on or about August 15th, 2018. The RN gave pt 085114127, Ativan IV instead of the ordered Versed IV for pre medication prior to a bedside TEE and cardioversion procedure. Additionally, the RN also inappropriately administered 20mg of Rocuronium. Rocuronium is a rapid paralytic and the patient was insufficiently sedated before hand. The report states that the Physician was not planning on intubating the patient. This led to the patient becoming bradycardic due to lack of oxygen and then became pulseless. This led to a code being called and the pt having to be intubated. The pt was ultimately resuscitated and stabilized.

- *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.*

-I believe if the nurse would have taken the time to do her 7 rights and med checks, this could have been avoided. If the nurse had concerns or questions she could've reached out to the provider.

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

-Safety and Security (Physical and Emotional) : The nurse did not follow the correct check off's or else this error could've been avoided. These errors resulted in harm to the patient both physically and emotionally.

-Critical Thinking: The nurse should have thought to double or even triple check herself.

-Documentation: I believe if the nurse would have done her eMAR medication scans, she could've prevented the medication errors.

- *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.*

-I believe a prudent nurse who found this medication error would double check to see what was given and figure out how to best help the patient and reverse the harm. If it were I, I would immediately report to the charge nurse and MD. I would help stabilize the patient and find out what went wrong after the patient is stabilized. I would also make sure to correctly document everything that happened.