

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Bridget Flores

Date:8/29/2024

DAS Assignment #2

Name of the defendant: Maricar Ollada Montalbo

License number of the defendant: 692202

Date action was taken against the license: December 10, 2019

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

- *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.*

On July 9, 2018, Registered Nurse Maricar Ollada Montalbo drew multiple blood samples from a patient's right subclavian central venous catheter which was placed for hemodialysis. She drew blood from the CVC without a physician's order which is needed to draw blood samples. The patient's catheter clotted which resulted in the patient needing surgery due to these blood draws. The surgery was to put a temporary hemodialysis access in the femoral vein. The patient had to have their CVC removed and have surgery to have another access for their hemodialysis in their thigh, all of which could have been avoided if the nurse had not taken these blood samples. It is not said why the nurse decided to take these blood samples without an order, but I believe that this is something that can easily be avoided.

- *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 think this was something that easily could have been avoided because a nurse should never do anything they know they need a doctor's order for. It makes no sense why any nurse would perform such a task without having an order. Usually, a nurse has an order for an amount of blood needed to be withdrawn so I am not sure how she even took these samples without having an order. Unless she got the patient mixed up with another patient, it does not say. However, unfortunately, the patient had to have an unnecessary surgery which could have resulted in dangerous complications for the patient. This could have been prevented if the nurse had taken her time to realize what she was doing and take into consideration her patient's safety. Whether it was a mix-up of patients, or she was just taking blood for some odd reason, the patient's safety was at risk, and this could have been avoided if the nurse just followed the rules.

- Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and Security: The nurse failed to provide the patient will trust and respect because she did not respect the patient enough to put their safety into consideration which resulted in an unneeded surgery.

Critical Thinking: It is obvious that the nurse did not perform great critical thinking when she decided to withdraw multiple blood samples from a patient's CVC which was not ordered. She did not evaluate and revise her interventions.

Human Caring: As stated above with safety and security, the nurse did not treat the patient with respect when she performed these blood draws without an order because it cost the patient a surgery in which the patient needed another invasive procedure done in a place where it is not the first choice.

Communication: The nurse did not have much communication skills in this situation because she did not use her resources to check that what she was doing was right and did not contact any physicians to be sure.

- 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 who witnessed this would immediately report it to the charge nurse and physician. A nurse's responsibility is to always keep patients safe whether or not it is their assigned patient. If a nurse suspects anything wrong, they should report it just to be sure of the patient's well-being. If I saw another nurse withdrawing blood from a patient knowing that they do not have an order or they have the wrong patient, I would immediately intervene and help the nurse locate the right patient or report the nurse and make sure that they do not proceed for the patient's safety and wellbeing. If I did not see the nurse commit the act but noticed the patient's clot in their catheter, I would want to find out why the clot is there and whether was it caused by something medical or by someone. I would find out what nurses have previously taken care of the patient and what they did. I would also communicate with the patient and ask them questions related to the care they have received and decide whether or not it was appropriate according to their chart.