

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Sarah Blount

Date: 08/28/2024

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Randall Keith Parish

License number of the defendant: 717509

Date action was taken against the license: 10/2020

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.

Nurse Randall Parish had multiple incidents where he failed to properly treat and manage his patients conditions. Her negligent acts included: failing to appropriately assess a patient's vitals and neurological status, failing to perform the appropriate interventions when seeing a decline in patients vitals and failing to document findings regarding his patients status. The incidents led to serious and unnecessary harm to the patient involved, along with delayed medical intervention.

Failing to inform a physician on a patient's changing condition can and did result in greater harm to the patient. Nurses are there to help monitor and maintain the health of the patients they have. Failing to do so in this instance resulted in the delayed treatment and stabilization of the patient.

Nurse Parish failed to assess and document a patient's vital and neurological status after the patient suffered a fall leaving a bump on the patient's head. According to medical records, prior to the patient's fall, they had a history of brain surgery, stroke and were put on the medication Plavix. Based on the patient's recent incident and history the RN should have recognized the severity of the patient's status and monitored accordingly. Failing to do so was negligent and put the patient in danger.

Nurse Parish also failed to recognize the patient's elevated heart rate and respirations as a decline in the patient's health status. Following the patient's fall, the RN should have noted that a change in vital signs could be detrimental to the patient's health. Due to the lack of intervention the patient was later found unresponsive to stimuli and transferred to the hospital where they received an emergency surgery to correct a hemorrhage.

Nurse Parish failed to document any patient findings leading to an incomplete medical record and lack of knowledge on the patient's case. The lack of documentation fed into the absence of communication with the physician as well.

In conclusion, Nurse Parish was negligent of his patients' condition and ineffective in recording and performing appropriate medical care. This inevitably delayed and hindered the further medical interventions of said patient.

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.

In this case after being admitted for the fall and sustaining a bump to the head, the RN should have monitored the vital signs of his patient according to protocol. Based on the patient's history of having brain surgery, stroke and medication Plavix the RN should have completed a thorough focused neurological assessment, monitoring any change in LOC or patient function, along with monitoring the patient's cardiac system. In the incident that the vitals or neurological status of this patient changed, appropriate medical interventions should have been enacted. In this case the patient began experiencing increased respirations and HR along with becoming unresponsive to stimuli. Due to the knowledge that the patient was taking Plavix, a blood thinner and the patient's recent trauma, the RN should have recognized these vitals as a sign of hemorrhage. Following the identification of this, the RN should have immediately alerted the Charge Nurse and Physician. Throughout this whole process the RN should have been communicating and documenting all patient vitals, assessment and interventions to ensure the patient's safe and efficient care of the patient. By keeping the other caregivers in the loop of the patient's condition, it would have prevented any delay in patient care.

Identify ALL universal competencies that were violated and explain how.

The competencies that were violated include: Safety and security, communication, critical thinking, human caring and documentation .

Safety and security was violated when the RN knew of the patient's history yet failed to recognize and document the declining health. Patients Should be able to trust that the nurses in charge of their care are performing the necessary actions to ensure safety, in this incident that trust was broken.

Documentation was violated as the RN failed to record any vitals along with the changing vitals of the patient's status. This then led to an incomplete medical record when later assessed.

Communication was violated when the RN failed to report patients status to the physician and charge nurse

Critical Thinking was violated when the RN failed to recognize and complete the correct patient assessments and interventions with the patient in declining status and again when failing to correlate the patient's change in vitals/LOC with the patient's medical history as a concern.

Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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 first person to discover the events from these charges I would first ensure that I understand the patient's medical history to my full ability to guarantee I can effectively monitor their condition.. I would then get recent vital signs and continue to do so according to protocol or even every two hours given the patient's history of heart surgery and stroke.I would then perform appropriate focused assessments for the neurological status and cardiac status of the patient. After noting the patient's medication Plavix as a blood thinner and relating that to the patient's current trauma , along with the change in HR/respirations and LOC that the patient might be suffering from a hemorrhage. I would document all findings and alert the physician of these changes to ensure the patient would receive appropriate and timely treatment.