

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Dova Keeling

Date: 8/30/2024

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Imelda B Belington

License number of the defendant: 611987

Date action was taken against the license: June 8, 2022

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.*

The respondent, Imelda Belington, failed to accurately document the administration of Fentanyl in the MAR. The report states that while the patient had part of a twenty-millimeter syringe of Fentanyl hooked up at the beginning of the nurses shift, the respondent withdrew an additional forty millimeters of Fentanyl during her shift, but she only documented that she administered a total of twenty-four millimeters. Further investigation shows there was not any Fentanyl documented as being administered or wasted on the next shift, leaving the remaining Fentanyl that was removed by the respondent unaccounted for. The report indicates the respondents conduct was likely to injure the patient, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient, which could result in an overdose.

On the same day as the first charge, the respondent failed to accurately document the administration of Midazolam in the MAR. She double documented the administration of the medication. She documented two infusions from bag #1 to the antecubital fossa of the patient at 1959 and 2000, and she also documented two infusions from bag #2 to the antecubital fossa of the patient at 0359 and 0400. The report states that the respondents conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients, which could result in an overdose.

- *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.*

First, honesty is key, she should have only drawn up what was ordered and documented what was administered to the patient. She then should have had a witness or documented the remaining medication being discarded or wasted. She should have done this for both medications given or not given.

Second, documentation is one of the most important things a nurse can do to protect themselves and/or their patients. It is most important that the documentation be as accurate as possible for the safety of the patient. It reduces the number of mistakes made that the patients ultimately pay the price for.

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

Safety and Security: was violated because the patient is supposed to trust and respect the care given by the nurse. If the nurse is not being honest about giving medication, they are not giving that trust and respect.

Communication: The nurse failed to communicate accurately by not documenting at all or giving inaccurate information in the documentation, which can lead to harm, injury or even death.

Documentation: was violated when the nurse failed to accurately document the amount of medication drawn up and administered. Which again could cause harm, injury or even death. She also failed to document any waste or discarding of medication.

Critical Thinking: I believe was violated when the nurse decided not to be honest in her interactions with medications, patients and documentation. She didn't plan out the ramifications of her actions and decisions for not just her but for her patients.

Human Caring: was violated when she didn't put the patient first, which violates patient respect and basic needs. She failed to administer correct amounts of medication, failed to document accurately which could cause harm to the patient.

Professional Role: was violated by completely ignoring all aspects of being a licensed nurse. She also failed in knowing and adhering to hospital policies and procedures. She failed in managing medication procedures and policies.

- *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 first person to discover the actions of this nurse, I would first report this to the charge nurse, head nurse and all physicians associated with the patients involved. I would check if any harm was done to the patients and make sure all their needs were met. I would also confront the nurse and offer advice if necessary. If they needed resources, I would help direct them to where they could go for help. If no remedy could be made I would then contact the board of nursing.