

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kynzeigh Gonzales

Date: 10/24/24

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Karen E Hill

License number of the defendant: 231349

Date action was taken against the license: 03/08/2022

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.*

Karen Hill was practicing as a Registered Nurse and administered IV meds incorrectly by using the wrong filter which led to physical complications with her patient. Not only did she use the wrong in line filter, she proceeded to do this three times to her patient. After the third infusion, the patient began to complain of blurred vision which was not documented, nor reported to the physician or pharmacist. This is a failure in medication administration as she did not preform all seven rights of patient med admin which the patient has the right to.

- *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.*

Hill failed to make sure all of her equipment for the infusion was correct, where she should have verified that the in line filter she was using was correct. Hill could have assessed the patient after the first infusion for blurry vision and this could have prevented her from using the wrong in line filter the second or third time. Hill could have stopped the infusion, and reported the blurred vision to the physician, charge nurse, and pharmacist immediately to help figure out the issue with the patient. In addition to reporting the adverse event, Hill should have documented the patient's adverse event in the medical record.

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

Safety and Security (physical) – Failed to document adverse reactions, failure to properly administer the medication which resulted in harm to the patient

Standard Precaution – Hill did not prepare the medication correctly which resulted in harm to the patient

Communication- failed to communicate the patient's complaint of blurred vision with physician, or pharmacy

Critical Thinking- administered the IV three times incorrectly to the patient, did not report that the patient was experiencing adverse reactions which was poor decision making on the nurse, did not intervene with patient by performing assessments pertaining to the blurred vision

Documentation- failure to document the adverse reactions in the medical record, failure to document notifying the physician and pharmacist, failure to document med error

Human Caring- did not listen to the patient's needs when they complained of blurred vision

Professional Role- failure to manage equipment and supplies of the IV

- *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 were the person to discover that this action was taken, I would first notify someone who was above me like a charge nurse, nurse manager, etc. I would then check on the patient and monitor their status to see if any intervention needed to take place if I was able to take over the patient's care with approval. I would document every encounter with the patient, and notify the physician of the patient's status. I would perform all seven rights of medication administration, I would verify that I have all of the correct supplies, I would perform the IV infusion by assessing my patient before and after, and also document any adverse reactions and reporting them to my physician and charge nurse.