

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alexis Vargas

Date: 10/24/2024

DAS Assignment # ____1____

Name of the defendant: Misty J Pullen, RN

License number of the defendant: 795480

Date action was taken against the license: November 10, 2020

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

- Misty Pullen had multiple occurrences that happened in different hospitals located in Dallas Texas, these occurrences led to her license being revoked. These unprofessional actions include incorrect documentation of administering a medication, not performing and documenting a focused assessment, withdrawing medications without an order, not wasting a medication properly, and misappropriating an injection. These findings exposed the patient to harm under the circumstances of the nurse.

Misty Pullen created an inaccurate medical record by falsely documenting the administration of Fentanyl. The nurse stated that she withdrew 100mcg and wasted 50mcg, there was no proof that she administered the correct dose, or any dose to the patient which resulted in an inaccurate medical record and the patient was unable to get the correct medication for what they needed it for.

Misty Pullen created another inaccurate medical record by not documenting a pain assessment or any other reassessments done to the patient. This makes it hard for the other nurses to know what they need to focus on. This also makes it difficult for the patient to get the required care that they need.

Misty Pullen withdrew Dilaudid from the hospitals dispensing system without a physician's order. The physician stated that they did not order Dilaudid. This is exposing the patient to harm because this was not needed for the patient and there could be adverse effects that could happen to the patient.

Misty Pullen also had an order for Dilaudid of 0.25mg, she withdrew 2mg and was supposed to waste 1.5mg but didn't follow the hospitals policy for wasting a medication and left the medication unaccounted for.

In conclusion, Misty J Pullen was exposing her patient to harm by not doing or documenting appropriate assessments or medication administrations.

- Multiple measures could have prevented Misty Pullen from getting her license revoked. If she did not administer a medication, then there is no need to document that a medication was administered. This would have been helpful to the patients records and to her nurses notes to use during court.

The nurse could have taken the time to do a focused assessment on pain or even just asking the patient if they were in any pain. This would allow the patient to get the proper medication as well as treatment.

The nurse should not be withdrawing medications without a physician's order. This is a very poor decision made by the nurse that should not have been done. The nurse should also be adhering to the hospital's policy of wasting medications.

- **Safety and security** were violated when a proper assessment on the patient wasn't done to ensure the patient got the best treatment.
- **Critical thinking** was violated when the nurse withdrew a medication without a physician's order and when she didn't properly waste medication.
Documentation was violated when she didn't document a pain assessment and when she documented a medication administration that did not happen.
Human Caring was violated when she didn't perform the pain assessment because her patient could have been in pain and the nurse never asked her if she was.
- If I was the first person to discover these events, I would make sure the patient who didn't get the pain assessment performed wasn't in any pain and if she was I would administer her prn medication. I would then report her withdrawing a medication without a physician's order to the charge nurse and the physician. I would make an anonymous referral for the nurse to go get taught how the policies medication administration and preparation rules are. If these events kept happening then I would send an anonymous referral to TPAPN.