

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Deajha Downey Date: 11/1/2024

DAS Assignment # \_\_2\_\_

Name of the defendant: Randall Keith Parish

License number of the defendant: 717509

Date action was taken against the license: June 9, 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.*

The unprofessional and negligence actions by Randall Parish led to his nursing license being revoked. These actions included the failure to assess and document the patient's vital and neurological status after the patient had fallen and a bump formed on her head. Randall also failed to assess a neurologically impaired patient after their heart rate and respiratory rate were elevated while sleeping. The patient's respirations had gotten up to a 42. Instead of assessing and documenting these struggles, he let the patient continue to sleep. Which was deemed as an incomplete medical record that delayed medical treatment to the patient. He also failed to document and notify the physician about the patient's vital signs and neurological status.

All three of the charges against Randall Parish occurred with the same patient within a three-day spanned. The inability to document multiple incidents put the patient at severe risk. The patient had a history of a prior stroke, a brain surgery, and was actively prescribed Plavix, a blood thinner. Stated in Charge I, "Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from lack of nursing interventions..." Failing to document or notify the provider was an intention action taken to harm the 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.*

The measures that Randall Parish could have executed to prevent action towards his license and injury to the patient are simple nursing protocols. Documenting any changes in the patient's conditions can prevent a decline in the patient's health status. Randall Parish should have immediately called the physician as soon as he learned of a neurological patient suffering a fall, then he should have documented all the details he was aware of. Notifying the physician when a patient is experiencing elevated vital signs or suffers from trauma is a basic duty of a RN. Knowing and following the correct precautions to take when it comes to the patient's health history is vital to the well-being and recovery

of a patient. Showing compassion and caring for these patients is the foundation of nursing. Having the intentions to purposely harm or put a patient's life at risk is an unacceptable action.

Randall Parish's actions could have led to the death of a patient. If he was not charged then he could have put other patient's lives at risk, as well as bringing law issues to the hospital.

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

**Safety and security** was violated by the lack of documenting a severe trauma to the head which lead to a bump, and the failure to document/ notify physician of vital sign changes. Allowing the patient to continue to sleep after these incidents put the patient at risk.

**Documentation** was violated many times in his charges. The failure to document a fall after being aware of her health history, the elevated respirations of 42, the elevated heart rate,

**Communication** was violated by not notifying the physician as soon as she experienced the fall, and failure to notify elevated vitals which delayed her having to be rushed to surgery.

**Critical thinking** was violated as well, the RN should have recognized the importance and how critical it is for a neurological patient, who is on a blood thinner, to experience a trauma directly to the head. The RN also continued to allow the patient to continue sleeping when they were clearly in distress.

**Professional Role and Caring** was extremely violated by these actions being intentional to harm the patient. These are not the honor codes that nurses are required to follow

- *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 RN present in this situation I would have immediately called for help and documented everything I saw, heard, and was told by the patient. The physician would have been notified as soon as possible. I would have woke the patient up from their sleep and notified about the elevated vital signs.