

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kendra Satterfield

Date: 01/21/2025

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Margaret Shay Clemencich

License number of the defendant: 861241

Date action was taken against the license: August 18, 2020

Type of action taken against the license: warning with stipulations

- *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.*

Margaret administered a medication named Cardene instead of the medication Levophed to a patient in the emergency room. She took the medication that she thought was Levophed from another nurse and did not verify that it was the correct medication and subsequently administered it to the patient.

The ordered medication that should have been administered is used to treat low blood pressure. The medication that was administered is used to treat high blood pressure. This could negatively impact the patient that needed the blood pressure support and could even result in death had the mistake not been caught by the ICU nurse taking over care for 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.*

There are multiple things that could have prevented this action against Margaret's license and the harm that potentially occurred. Margaret should have done all three checks of medication administration. She could have also monitored the clinical response post-administration since both medications have a rapid onset to reduce the amount of harm done to the patient. She also should only administer medication that she has documented as given, not another nurse.

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

The universal competencies that were violated were safety and security, documentation, and professional role.

Safety and security were violated when the RN administered a critical medication without checking it against the eMAR and the doctor's orders. It was also violated when she failed to monitor the patient prior to admission to the ICU as she would have noticed the decrease in the patient's blood pressure.

Documentation was violated when the RN did not scan the medication before hanging it and administering it to the patient.

Professional role was violated when the RN failed to manage her own medications and equipment used for the patient adequately.

- *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 nurse to discover this medication error and harm to the patient, I would first discontinue the Cardene. Then, I would notify the physician of the error and carry out any orders from the physician to ensure there was no further preventable harm to the patient. I would notify the charge nurse of the error and follow the chain of command per hospital policy. I would make sure to document my findings and the people that I notified as well as their responses to my notifications.