

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment #2

Name of the defendant: Nathan Randal Collum

License number of the defendant: 588721

Date action was taken against the license: 09/16/2022

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education

Nathan Randal Collum, a registered nurse in the state of Texas, had action taken against him by the Texas Board of Nursing that resulted in him having to do remedial education. On March 2, 2020, Collum was working for Seton Hospital, Austin, Texas, when he failed to document vital signs of his patient or document his patient's response to multiple medications which resulted in a fragmented medical record. The case states on page 3, "... failed to document vital signs or that he was unable to obtain vital signs... due to the patient's agitation and failed to document the response to the multiple medications Respondent administered to the patient. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record." The terms of order for Collum's case are listed from page three to five in this order: Sanction and Applicability, Compliance With Law, Understanding Board Orders, Remedial Education Courses, and Restoration of Unencumbered License(s).

Documentation is immensely important in a RN's career. When you do not document, you practically did not do the action, which in this case, Collum did not obtain vital signs. However, the way the case is worded by stating on page 3, "... failed to document the response to the multiple medications Respondent administered to the patient." So, Collum administered medications and did not document his patient's reaction to said medications, according to the case. In this scenario, as well, it is very important to document a patient's response to an administered medication for future administration.

Collum violated many of the universal competencies such as Safety and Security, both physical and emotional, Critical Thinking, Documentation, and Professional Role.

Safety and Security (Physical) was violated when Collum did not practice the 7 Rights for Medication administration by not documenting his patient's response to the administered medications, which could result in an error for the next administration of medications.

Safety and Security (Emotional) would be the second one that he violated by not completing the 4 P's. I can assume he did not complete the 4 P's of the patient, because in his case it stated that he did not obtain vital signs. When obtaining vital signs, pain assessment is included. So, that would mean he did not obtain the "Pain" part in the 4 P's.

Critical Thinking would have also been defied by Collum. SBAR is included in critical thinking. The "A", standing for assessment, would be the part Collum had violated by not obtaining and documenting vital

signs, which is part of assessing a patient. Also, part of assessing a patient would be to assess their response to medications, which Collum did not document, therefore it is unknown whether he did that.

Documentation was the primary universal competency that Collum did not comply with, as it is the main reason why he had action taken against him. Collum failed to document his patient's response to the medications he administered, along with him not obtaining vital signs, which he did not document as well. This led to an incomplete medical record of his patient.

Professional Role was lastly violated by Collum not documenting, he did not manage his nursing equipment, being the medical record of his patient, efficiently.

As a professional, trained, and qualified registered nurse, you are taught to document everything that is done to your patient. It is an extremely important role because everyone working with that patient needs to know all that has been done in order to provide safe caring. I understand some people have bad days, and maybe that is what happened in Collum's case, but in this career, we cannot let bad days effect the way we perform at work. If I were to be the one to find Collum's mistake, say I were working with him on shift and caught it, I would be sure to let him know that he needed to obtain vital signs, no matter if the patient was agitated or not, and direct him to documenting both the vital signs and medication response. I would also be sure to help if needed. Nursing is a team effort most of the time, so if a fellow nurse needs help with a patient, we should always be there for them because in the end we all should want the best for the patient.