

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: McKenzie Reedy

Date: 4-2-2025

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Robert Barrazza

License number of the defendant: 934930

Date(s) and BON decision(s) taken against the license:

8/08/2023

Type of action(s) imposed to retain or regain licensure, if applicable (ex.: warning with stipulations, etc.)

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 each of them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, etc.*

Robert Barrazza had multiple occurrences of unprofessional actions while caring for two patients, which resulted in the following concerns. These actions included: failing to document the catheter placement, removal, patient tolerance, and the results of the Foley catheter insertion; performing the procedures without a valid physician's order, and contributing to an inaccurate medical record. These occurrences resulted in unnecessary procedures that exposed the patients to harm, as medical personnel rely on accurate documentation to make informed decisions about patient care.

The failure to properly document the catheter placement is a significant issue. Not only was the catheter insertion and removal not documented, but there was no record of how the patients tolerated the procedure or the outcomes of the Foley placement. This creates an incomplete medical record, which can lead to decisions being made based on inaccurate or absent information, potentially compromising patient safety.

Furthermore, Barrazza performed the catheter insertions without obtaining a valid physician's order. This disregard for protocol is concerning because any invasive procedure requires proper authorization from a licensed provider to ensure it is medically necessary. Performing procedures without such orders increases the likelihood of unnecessary interventions and potential harm to the patients.

In conclusion, Robert Barrazza's failure to document critical information and perform procedures according to medical standards resulted in inaccurate medical records and exposed the patients to

unnecessary harm. This behavior reflects a lack of professionalism and following proper protocol, which could have serious consequences for patient care.

- *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 several measures that could have been taken to prevent unnecessary risks to the patients in this situation. First, contacting the physician for a valid order before placing the catheter would have ensured that the procedure was medically necessary. If a catheter wasn't needed, the nurse could have taken a more patient approach, offering alternatives like assisting the patient to the bathroom or providing a bedside commode or bedpan. This would have avoided the unnecessary procedure altogether and reduced the risk of harm to the patient.

Additionally, adhering to proper documentation practices is crucial. By documenting all necessary details, including catheter placement and patient response, the nurse would have ensured transparency and accuracy in the medical record, preventing any potential attempts to hide the procedure. This would not only have protected the integrity of the medical record but also guard the patient's care by providing clear, accurate information for other healthcare providers.

*Identify ALL universal competencies (4-5) that were violated and explain how in detail to reflect your understanding and importance of the universal competencies.*

**Documentation** was violated by failing to record the catheter placement, removal, patient tolerance, and the results of the procedure. This creates an incomplete medical record, which compromises patient care and could lead to miscommunication or errors in future treatment.

**Critical thinking** was violated due the RN prioritizing convenience for himself over the need of the patient. He also wasn't thinking about how the unnecessary catheter would affect the patient.

**Safety and Security** protocols were violated when the RN inserted the catheter without obtaining a valid physician's order. This action disregarded established medical guidelines, putting the patient at unnecessary risk.

**Communication** was violated when the RN failed to communicate with the physician to get an order for the catheter. The RN also failed to communicate with the patient by not telling them the physician did not order the catheter.

**Professional Role** was violated when the RN ignored the chain of command.

- *Use the space below to describe what actions 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.*

My first step would be to report the situation to the charge nurse and head nurse. This would ensure that all physicians involved in the patients' care were notified immediately. I would verify if any further harm had occurred due to the unprofessional actions and ensure the patients' needs were being met. I would then ask the charge nurse if they are needing someone to evaluate the catheters and provide some documentation for the physicians.