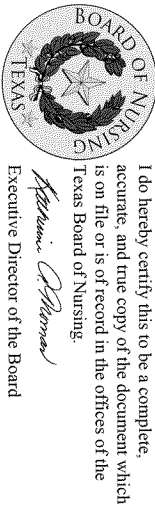


IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT
REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 256086
ISSUED TO
CONNIE S. TITTLE,
RESPONDENT

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
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§ BOARD OF NURSING
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§ ELIGIBILITY AND
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§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: CONNIE S. TITTLE
c/o OSCAR SAN MIGUEL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
505 WEST 12TH ST STE. 204
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During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **December 11, 2018**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and

conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 256086, previously issued to CONNIE S. TITTLE, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 11th day of December, 2018.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed July 23, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 13th day of December, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

CONNIE S. TITTLE
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

**In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 256086
Issued to CONNIE S. TITTLE,
Respondent**

§ **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
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§ **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CONNIE S. TITTLE, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 256086, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about November 25, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to recognize that Patient Medical Record Number 769618 was having pain, and needed more sedation. Additionally, Respondent failed to recognize that the pulse oximeter monitor wasn't functioning, and after the problem was fixed, failed to document the aforementioned patient's pulse oximetry reading of seventy-nine (79), and failed to place the patient on an oxygen mask. Respondent's conduct resulted in the patient suffering pain unnecessarily, resulted in an inaccurate medical record, and was likely to injure the patient from lack of appropriate nursing care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE II.

On or about December 6, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to have the basic supplies needed, and the needle ready to fire for a thyroid biopsy on Patient Medical Record Number 617253 even though the physician had just discussed the procedure with her. Additionally, Respondent failed to inform the physician that the aforementioned patient had a sensitivity reaction to the electrocardiogram pads. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to a risk of harm from delay in care and skin reaction to the equipment .

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE III.

On or about December 10, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent administered Fentanyl in error to Patient Medical Record Number 7337614 instead of Ancef, as ordered. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from adverse effects of taking a medication that was not ordered by the provider, and from non-efficacious treatment of their disease processes.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE IV.

On or about December 18, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent administered sedation medication to Patient Medical Record Number 932480 during a computed tomography (CT) guided biopsy, then removed the luer lock connector from the aforementioned patient's intravenous (IV) tubing causing back up bleeding, and loss of medication from the tubing. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from failure to follow safe medication administration processes.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE V.

On or about December 20, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to have the equipment needed including an eighteen (18) gauge needle for a hepatic biopsy for Patient Medical Record Number 848273. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to a risk of delayed treatment.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

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CHARGE VI.

On or about January 7, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to order a culture and sensitivity on pleural fluid, as ordered following a thoracentesis on Patient Medical Record Number 7338438, and only ordered a gram stain. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patient from non-efficacious treatment of their disease processes.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE VII.

On or about January 30, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to review the physician's routine orders, and failed to administer 1 gram of Ancef, an antibiotic for a kyphoplasty for Patient Medical Record Number 882137. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patient from non-efficacious treatment of their disease processes.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE VIII.

On or about April 21, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent made an error in contrast administration calculations, and estimated the contrast needed at four (4) times the amount that was to be administered for Patient Medical Record Number 7351749. In addition, Respondent failed to ensure that she had intravenous (IV) access for the IV sedation and resuscitation medications for the aforementioned patient. The procedure had to be stopped to gain access to the IV hub. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from failure to follow safe medication administration processes, and from delayed treatment.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

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CHARGE IX.

On or about April 22, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent used improper equipment connections for a paracentesis on Patient Medical Record Number 78257, and using non-standard tubing for the vacuum container wall suction instead of the tubing provided in the kit that she had used many times before. Respondent's conduct may indicate a lack fitness to practice nursing with reliable skill and professionalism.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(5).

CHARGE X.

On or about May 19, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to observe that Patient Medical Record Number 7354217 was moving with their arm falling off the table during a lung biopsy. Further, Respondent tethered the oxygen tubing to the ceiling mount too tightly so that it pulled the aforementioned patient's head when the table was moved. Respondent's conduct created an unsafe environment and was likely to injure the patient.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE XI.

On or about May 19, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent reported the date of birth of Patient Medical Record Number 293055 incorrectly during timeout, and when the patient corrected her, she stated, "my glasses don't seem to be working." Additionally, Respondent was unable to see the biopsy sample left on the needle. Respondent's conduct may indicate a lack fitness to practice nursing with reliable skill and professionalism.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(5).

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CHARGE XII.

On or about May 23, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent broke sterile technique during a paracentesis on Patient Medical Record Number 311785 when she handed over the unprepped ultrasound probe with her sterile hand, and then back to the sterile table and touched equipment with her unsterile hand. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to the risk of harm from unsafe nursing technique.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE XIII.

On or about June 23, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to verify the patient's creatinine level on Patient Medical Record Number 408532, who was undergoing an angiogram. The aforementioned patient's creatinine level was unknown at the time of their procedure, and Respondent didn't bring this to the attention of the physician until after the contrast was injected. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to a risk of harm by depriving the physician of vital information to provide appropriate care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M),(1)(P)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE XIV.

On or about September 26, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the interventional radiology department with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to check the medication status of Patient Medical Record Number 175613 prior to a liver biopsy. During the liver biopsy Respondent found a Fentanyl patch for pain on the right shoulder of the aforementioned patient. In addition, Respondent didn't know that the patient was on Nortryptiline, a tricyclic antidepressant which potentiated a movement disorder. The patient had a reaction to the sedation becoming confused and moving uncontrollably, and required sedation reversal medication and D50 intravenously. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient by depriving the physician of vital information that would be required to base decisions for care and/or prevent complications.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

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CHARGE XV.

On or about December 11, 2014, while employed as a Staff Nurse in the Interventional Radiology Department at University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to have sedation reversal agents or appropriate oxygenation supplies readily available for Patient Medical Record Number 880094, who was undergoing an ultrasound procedure with sedation. Sedation can result in respiratory depression with a resulting decrease in oxygenation, which would necessitate oxygen administration via an oxygen mask and administration of sedation reversal medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it could have resulted in a delay of emergent interventions if the patient developed respiratory depression.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33.

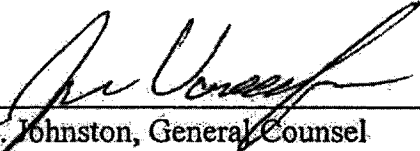
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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