Falsification: Nurse's Firing Justified.

The US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana recently endorsed a nursing home's decision to terminate a nurse for errors in charting medications.

A habit of failing to initial the MAR for meds actually given is an error a nurse should be counseled to correct.

Initialing the MAR for meds not actually given is falsification of a medical record. That is much more serious and is grounds for firing, the court ruled. Tucker v. Saint Joseph Care Center, 2007 WL 1970940 (N.D. Ind., July 2, 2007).