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Today during clinical I was able to experience something for the first time. My patient was very sick and had multiple different health problems. She was a re-admit from a couple of weeks ago due to her bowel being perforated for the second time. She not only had a midline wound from her procedure she unfortunately also has Stage 4 lung cancer. Along with all these issues when taking her blood this morning her CBC levels were dangerously low. These complications are what led me to being able to experience something I had never before. I was challenged today with top priority interventions due to her care declining at such a fast rate. The factors that contributed to this were figuring out what fluids, blood products, and medications were most important and what needed to come first. As a student nurse we face many different issues depending on which floor we are on and today was the first time that I had a patient that was not able to get everything she needed due to having limited IV access. During the past modules we learned a lot about priority questions and the explanation behind each one. I was able to put into practice why certain lab levels and fluids were important and how they interacted with each other.

At the beginning of the day I was very overwhelmed with all that needed to be done in such a short amount of time. However, by the end of the day my nurse was very informational in filling me in why each intervention was done and the order they were done in. I believe that I did struggle with keeping up at first but by the end of the clinical I was able to critically think and understand why each intervention was getting done. Unfortunately, the care of my patient did not show a huge change due to the fact of how sick she was and that is something that only time will help me understand. One day I hope to be able to be a critical care nurse and today was a big eye opener for me. I know that each day we will be faced with task that will really affect our emotions therefore, it made me realize how important self care is as well.

In conclusion, I was able to learn so much just from getting an experience that I had never gotten before. I did not get to do much hands on care however, just getting to watch the nurse prioritize and her reasoning behind it was so educational. As students we don't realize how crucial patients care can be and how important it is to be up to date on the best evidence-based practice. Getting to experience priority interventions at a fast pace was such a great experience that I will need for the rest of my career.