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Final Reflection

In the NICU we were expecting an admit and I got to attend the delivery. When we got the baby admitted we noticed her blood sugars were low. It was not reported that mom was a T1 diabetic, therefore the first few hours of the baby's life we didn't treat it as such. I was observing throughout the birth and documenting times during the babies admit while the other nurses were inserting IV lines, checking blood glucose, and cleaning/warming the baby. In the beginning I was excited to be able to attend the delivery and to experience an admit. The charge nurse was very calm throughout the whole experience, so it made me feel calm about the situation. In the end we found out the mom had T1 diabetes, so baby got treated appropriately treated for that within a short time after we got her settled. I feel like it went well the whole process was organized chaos. On the outside looking in it looked like there was a lot going on, but everyone knew what their role was and exactly what to do. I even jumped in and took the job as documenter. I think the impact of different perspectives to the patient would have meant she didn't get the prompt care she needed. The only thing someone could have done better was gotten/given report on the mom's condition, so we were aware how to treat the baby. I learned how important report can be to a patient's wellbeing and to not leave anything out. Overall, I think it turned out good because the baby was happy and healthy. If I had another opportunity like this, I would try and jumo in to see if there is something I can do for baby besides document I would have liked to start an IV in these clinicals as I have never started one on a child. In the future I will be sure to give full report on a patient before handing them off, as well as making sure to receive full report before accepting a patient as I have experienced how important it is if something is missed. Luckily this was a minor mistake this time and it was corrected soon after but if it was something different it could have gone much worse.