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**Instructional Module 6**  
**Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience**

Community Site: Grace Clinic with Dr. Nall

1. What did you observe during the day? Were there any specific procedures that were able to participate in or observe?

During this day I observed a lot of women's wellness exams that involved pap smears, pre op appointments, contraceptive removal, and STI testing. I got to see a good mix of everything considering how little patients there were. I was able to help the doctor with obtaining the specimens for testing. Mainly I just handed him materials and bagged up labs.

2. What was the best/most interesting part of the experience?

The most interesting thing of this experience was the scheduled Nexplanon removal. A patient came in to have her Nexplanon implant removed because it had run out and it was time to remove it. I believe prior to the appointment, she went and had a ultrasound done to determine the placement of the implant. When reading over the results, the doctor said her implant was 9mm below the surface of her skin. He was concerned about that, and once he examined the patients arm to feel for the placement, he could not feel it. He explained to the patient he was not comfortable removing the implant in the office because it was a lot deeper than it should have been and he could not feel it, therefore he would have to go deeper into her muscle. It would essentially be too painful and risky to do it in the office, so he rescheduled her to come back and get put under anesthesia to remove the implant.

3. Is a community nursing position something that you would consider working in? Why or why not?

Yes I do believe that I would consider working in this position because of how routine and calm things are compared to a hospital setting. It feels more controlled and most of time you know what is going to happen. Of course, there are occasional surprises or abnormal things that happen (i.e. the Nexplanon removal patient), but for the most part I think it would be a great change of scenery when the hospital becomes too much for me.

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4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why not?

I do feel like this community site met the needs of the population. Most patients came for wellness visits and annual screenings, others came for issues they were having. In general, the group of patients I saw today was diverse, and not limited. This clinic was also located in Grace Hospital so many of the referrals the doctor made for mammograms was convenient since they do mammograms in that facility as well.

5. Did you witness patient teaching? What general things were taught to this population? Do you feel that patient teaching in this community site was adequate? Why or why not?

I was able to witness patient teaching with every patient encounter. The doctor would ask the patients what brought them in, their medical history of any children, surgeries, chronic conditions, and even what kind of contraception they use. The main thing I really picked up from the education with this population is the importance of getting mammograms. The doctor asked every single patient when their last one was and reminded them to schedule their next one. With the preop patients, he taught them what to do and expect post op. I do believe the teaching was adequate, he also always asked the patient at the end if they had any questions or concerns he could answer.