

This week's Sim Center was informative to say the least. I really feel like I get more out of this type of hands-on learning than I do in lecture, and I have said this to my class mates a couple times this week. That is not to say that you guys' lectures are not fantastic! Seriously though, to sit I with an instructor in small groups in that round table type format is super helpful. I enjoyed talking over each of the case studies with my little group and applying what I have learned so far to helping our patient. Learning what labs go with what organ in the body was cool because I now have a deeper understanding of what I may be looking for when looking over a Pt chart or discussing the lab results with my nurse. Sitting in with Mrs. Duriex learning about how and why to prioritize pt care was awesome because she explained to us some of the intricacies that go into how we see our pt at that specific time. You read all about COPD and know the signs and symptoms, but she showed us how it applied to a real-life scenario just by giving us report. The game we played today built on what we learned yesterday. It was fun, but at the same time it took us out of our comfort zone because we had to think critically and apply evidence-based practice to the best of our ability. I can honestly say I feel that much better about myself and my peers as future nurses for having had this experience.