

School Nurse Reflection

1. Before visiting the school I assumed that all the kids would be very small and loud with my minimal experience around children. But that's not how they were, most of them were very self sufficient with their medications and the going ons of their schooling.
2. I never visited the school nurse as a kid, so I was under the impression that this would be a more laid back experience. However, before the nurse even arrived there were kids already lined up to visit them. And there was a constant flow of kids in and out throughout the day.
3. The biggest surprise for the whole day was how familiar the nurses were able to get with the children, and how they were able to just anticipate the needs of most of them simply by walking in. I'm sure that's because they see them daily but, nonetheless, it was impressive to see how the nurses interacted with them.
4. The majority of the patients who came through were for feeling sick and having a sore throat, and there was a supposed stomach bug making its way through the school at this time. I got to see a nurse pull a tooth for a student, and the performance of an initial concussion test and a daily repeat of the test.
5. The biggest difference from what I assumed was that the school nurses see a lot more students than I expected. I thought that they would maybe see 4 to 5 in a day. But that's how many were seen in the first 20 minutes of me being there. They said that on average they see anywhere from 40-80 students a day.
6. It didn't occur to me that some children have very serious conditions such as seizure related disorders, the nurse had shown me the cart that had all emergency medications for students who had known seizures or allergies to things such as grass in the event of a fire drill. Then you have all the diabetic students who even looking so young are able to do things such as self administer their own insulin and even count the number of carbs in a meal which I doubt most adults know how to do off the top of their head.
7. One stage and a related event was Freud: genital stage, A student came in to talk to the nurses about a crush he was having on a student and the nurses would try to encourage and advise him on communicating with the crush. The next would be the Industry vs inferiority stage, as there were a few students who came in and were discussing the desire to join certain teams such as track and field and how they felt that they were good enough to be a part of the team and that they were even better than their siblings from prior years.