

During Clinical on Tuesday I got to see a chest tube removal and do wound care on a patient who had been in a motor vehicle accident. That morning his wounds were seeping and needed to be changed, but first the charge nurse was there to remove his chest tube so I got to watch. Before the chest tube removal I was feeling excited about getting to see the tube removed, but the excitement turned into empathy quickly as she prepared him to have it removed. The removal went very well, causing the patient as minimal pain as possible. I was expecting it to be worse than it was, but the process was fairly quick. My nurse and I both got to expand our knowledge on wound care and chest tube removal because of the patients we had today. We had another with a very large wound/ infected incision site on his stomach, and we caught the wound care nurse at the right time. With both wounds I learned how to dress larger open/deep areas and about the wound Vac. This experience will help me in the future on how to make these harder processes, such as chest tube removal go as smoothly as possible. Both of the nurses I worked with were very professional and efficient. Overall my clinical day was very informative and interesting.