

**Instructional Module 6
Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience**

Community Site: Dr. Blann's Office

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

I was able to observe a cervix check and ultrasound on a 35wk mom (Dr. Blann had two others following him today, but this mom particularly asked if I could stay in the room instead of the other two because she felt more comfortable with less eyes, so I'm glad I got to sit in).. As far as specifics, I got to take over manual blood pressures on every patient that came in, as well as getting to use the Doppler to find the fetal heart tones.

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

Going into today I was really worried about the manual blood pressures because it had been so long since I'd done one, but after a full day of taking them, I feel more confident and comfortable in this skill. Both nurses I was with were very open to teaching me all their procedures and answering any questions that I had, overall, I feel like this is what made this experience so good to me, the atmosphere was very friendly and inviting.

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

I feel like I'm definitely open to working in a community nursing position after the experiences I've had throughout school. In the hospitals all the nurses are very close and become family to each other, but in this clinical experience it really felt that way. These nurses and staff have been working with him for awhile and have gotten to grow along side him. They exuded teamwork and a professional yet fun working environment, I can only hope whenever I'm done with school that I can find a place like that.

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

This office from my point of view hit and met all the needs that the population they serve require. They provided so much education to every patient that walked through the door and really made a point to make sure their patients felt comfortable coming into their appointment and walking out. Any concerns or questions that the patients had, the nurses investigated further until the patient felt comfortable with the answers.

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?

As I said above, the office did a GREAT job teaching! A lot of the conversations I was able to observe were about different contraceptive techniques and what birth control the mothers were gonna go for after pregnancy. Even though we had the lecture over all that Monday I felt like they taught me a lot about the different types, as well as the pros and cons of each.

Comments: I was weary going into this clinical setting, but I had a blast! I was able to "Master" the Doppler and become more confident in my skills, definitely high up there as a favorite clinical site.