

Final Reflection

These last few weeks have been awesome. I feel like I have learned so much more and I feel a lot more confident in beginning my nursing career in the operating room. This preceptorship is a nice transition into a graduate nurse position. These last few shifts I do not have much to talk about. I did work a couple of shifts with people other than my preceptors and it was interesting how everyone does things a little bit differently. Sometimes I am unsure if they are the correct things to be doing or not. Most differences were just in how they chart different details throughout the procedure. I had one nurse who was very detail orientated and wanted everything filled in and then a couple other nurses did not care to chart some details. It is interesting to see what you want to take as the nurse and how you want to do your charting and patient care. Seeing different people really helps create how you want to be. I did have one sad case that a young female patient came in for a partial gastrectomy, when they got inside, they found two huge cancerous masses in her pelvis. The surgeon took some frozen lymph nodes and sent them down to get the for sure answer that it was cancer, and it did come back as cancer. Her abdomen was full of cancer, so we ended up not doing the procedure. As a surgical tech we don't get to really talk to the patients much or meet their family, but as the nurse we do. This makes news like this a little harder as the nurse because you got to know that patient kind of. I've done plenty of cases like that as a surgical tech but as the nurse made me a little sadder for the family and patients. Loved my preceptor experience!