

## Midterm Reflection

Working in the operating room so far has been an interesting and fun experience! I like the teamwork the most and how friendly and helpful most people have been. I feel like I have grown since participating in the internship in module 7 compared to now in module 8. I am also extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the internship because I would have never known how great working in this area would be. I have learned a lot about sterile procedures, fields, and instruments. I never knew so much went into these processes! I enjoy helping and learning different things about positioning, prepping the skin, and preventing injury during procedures. I never knew the circulating nurse was responsible for so many things during surgeries. I have learned how to chart in the operating room and how to charge for different items. I also love prepping the patient and inserting foleys and IV's. The operating room runs very smooth most days and on the days it does not, the team never fails to pull through and keep the rooms running.

I feel like I can improve on my sterile procedures, learning what machines are used for specific procedures, and skills such as foleys and IV's. I know that learning where supplies are is going to be the biggest challenge but will get easier with time. I am hoping that I can participate in more specialized surgeries, as I've mainly seen general and a little bit of ortho. I have yet to see neuro or cardio surgeries, but I am hoping I will see some soon. I feel like I learn something every single day here. I love working here and I hope my 6 months of orientation go as smooth as the days are going right now.