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Reflection

I am very happy to have completed my preceptorship in the PICU at Covenant Children's. I can not wait to begin working in the PICU as a graduate nurse after completing IM8 and passing the NCLEX. This unit is extremely inviting and filled with the smartest nurses. Everyone has been incredibly nice to me and even looked for opportunities to help me learn new things. I definitely learned something new every shift and will continue to learn each time I am in the unit. I know I have a long way to go and lots of room for improvement and cannot wait to learn and grow. I learned new techniques for blood draws including drawing from an arterial line, how to manage care for a vented patient, and even had the opportunity to collect CSF cultures. Most of all I feel like the preceptorship has really improved my time management skills as I was able to experience for myself the load of responsibility a nurse has during a twelve hour shift. My preceptor did an amazing job of teaching and guiding me while allowing me autonomy to do things for myself and really learn what it takes to be a nurse.