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Midterm Reflection

Over the course of my first five preceptorship shifts, I have become more efficient at charting and performing assessments on patients. Due to the quick turnover of patients, I've had to become more timely at charting in Epic and this has made me become more knowledgeable at navigating through the system. I have also improved at doing patient assessments because my preceptor has stressed the importance of monitoring our patients after they come out of surgery because we need to be aware of their vitals and if they're developing any sort of complication. Although it's fast paced, I enjoy the flow of admitting patients, treating them post-op, then discharging them the next day. I get a lot of experience from this because I am able to see numerous types of surgical procedures and I'm learning how to take care of each patient depending on which surgeon they received their operation from. I have also learned how to set up patients on the VISI vitals monitoring system and how to monitor and maintain the function of these systems so we can accurately monitor each patient continuously.

I am very pleased with my preceptor Brittany because she maintains a professional approach to every patient, encourages me to improve on my skills, and is always open to answering questions I have regarding all aspects of the care being provided. She taught me how to irrigate a urinary catheter and let me remove one from a hysterectomy patient. I appreciate her openness to letting me try skills I've never performed before and for her confidence in allowing me to complete the tasks allotted for each patient daily.

I'm looking forward to taking on more patients at a time and improving my skills of going through discharge instructions. I'm hoping to also be able to improve on my knowledge of what each surgical procedure is and what interventions are needed for each type of procedure. The Grace team works well together and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to work with all of them.