

Surgery Preceptorship Reflection

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The preceptorship in surgery has shown me if this is where I want to be or if I want to move somewhere else. I have been honored to get this chance to pick where I wanted to go for this preceptorship. Being able to follow the nurse and then over the fifteen shifts I got to be the nurse in the room that everyone is looking for and asking questions. Being able to be the circulating nurse running the room. I have learned so much with Treva. Treva has taught me so much and I have really enjoyed her and the rest of the staff in the surgery department. I have a lot to learn. There is so much that I have not seen or got to do but I am beyond excited to grow and learn. I have accepted a job here in the OR. During the fifteen shifts I have seen communication between the staff and doctors and the one thing that never changes is the safety for the patients. We do time outs before any and every surgery. In surgery no matter what procedure it is, it's very repetitive in what is expected and what needs to be done. The biggest thing is the time the patient is in surgery. Some cases are quick, and some are long. There is so much equipment that must be learned but it will come with time. I hope that everyone has been pleased with me and my performances. I have tried my best to prove myself and represent the CSON to the best of my ability. I mentioned last time we put half used vials back in the pyxis and that's because they don't want to waste any medication. We have a lot of medication on back order so what we can spare we do. So if I have a 50mL vial of lido 1: 100,000 I only use 10mL then I will return back to the pyxis what is left after the surgery. The medications have been the only part that I have been nervous about because we don't scan anything, so you must make sure that you're paying attention and very thorough. When giving

medication to the back table you only give the amount and grams and then the expiration date. I know I will be more relaxed once I am doing this more and more. I have enjoyed my time and getting to know the surgical techs and the staff. Everyone is there to help, and they are a huge family back in OR. When going through the skills there is a lot of paperwork that needs to be changed or taken off just because it doesn't pertain or it's not what we do back. I have been so caught up with learning so much I have not been concentrating on what I need to like the exit exam. I must pass the exit exam and the Nclex or guess what I won't have a job. I have been so thankful for this program and very sad to be finishing or it's the bittersweet feeling. Being in the OR I had some doubts about skills and even though I won't do some skills all the time, I do get opportunities like starting IVs, foleys, blood draws, and interviewing my patients before and after surgery. Prepping the patients making sure the positions are good and safe for the patients. Keeping up with the outputs and all the medications my patients receive. The doubts have gone away, I know I am in a place that I need to be at this moment, and I feel welcomed by everyone. Even when I didn't plug in a drill during the procedure the surgeon wasn't mad, he just explained to me that I need to make sure I follow all my lines just like I would the IV lines. Now if I made the mistake multiple times without learning from mistakes, I can see how I would get in trouble. The future is bright, and I trust that GODs plan is revealing itself and he's guiding me through this process. Thank you so much Mrs. Griffin for all the support and praise. Module 8 is a huge step in our nursing careers.