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## Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?

- In the PED I saw a lot of common cold symptoms who ended up testing negative for COVID. I also saw many young teenagers who were depressed. I also, saw a post craniotomy patient.

2. The majority of the patients who came in to the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?

- Majority of the kids that came into the PED were either around 5 years of age or around 12 years of age. I honestly didn't expect to see so many teenagers. I mainly expected to see solely preschool aged kids with covid like symptoms.

3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.

- My overall, experience was very different than what I expected. Many of our teenage patients that came in were very depressed. I was expecting to see more Covid type symptoms but, majority of the patients that came in were having suicidal ideation. From there I helped my nurses do full work ups on these patients and making sure that they were safe.

4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?

5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?

- I helped my nurse do full work ups on patients that were experiencing suicidal ideation. I also helped assist with distracting the patients that were getting IVs and injections. I also got to work with child life which was so cool to see up close in action.

6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?
8. What patient population is the most vulnerable?
9. What is the process for debriefing after a traumatic event?
10. If someone donated \$100 million to the PED, what would you change?
11. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?

**12. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?**

- The child life specialist plays a huge role in the PED. I got to closely work with them and the nurses that I was following to help patients who were getting IVs and injections. They were able to distract the kids with things that they liked and talk them through the procedures. This overall gave the kids a better idea of what was going on even though they were scared.