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Instructional Module 6 Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience

Community Site: **STD**

1. What did you observe during the day? Were there any specific procedures that were able to participate in or observe?

I went to the std clinic and got to see various testing. There was HIV testing with instant results, blood draw for syphilis and gonorrhea, and there was a mouth swab for genital stds. I was able to do a blood draw and as well as a mouth swab.

2. What was the best/most interesting part of the experience?

The best part was going back into the lab and having the lab technician explain to me how everything worked. There were a lot of different machines used for different purposes. It was interesting knowing how much is spend on all of the machines or microscopes.

3. Is a community nursing position something that you would consider working in? Why or why not?

At first I have never generally thought about a community nursing position. After attending and being at the clinic, I could possibly see myself doing so. I feel like the only thing would be the hours five times a week but the stability and the structure of a schedule would be less stressful.

4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why

not?

I definitely felt that the community site did meet the population needs. If everyone had gone to the site appropriately and gone back as supposed to there would be a major change in numbers. In a perfect world of course. But the community site had great staff and a very informative approach to talking to patients.

5. Did you witness patient teaching? What general things were taught to this population? Do you feel that patient teaching in this community site was adequate? Why or why not?
My nurse did a lot of patient teaching. The general things were about having safe sex and using protection, getting regularly tested if you were having sex with the opposite sex, and finally about the increase rate of std's specifically syphilis. Yes I felt as if the patient teaching was accurate. The main reason being that most patients only take away a few things per visit, and focusing on what matters, the patient will continue to practice with safe sexual transmission.

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