

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

- a. I saw most of the patients that came into the ED when I was up in triage. So, I am not sure the official diagnosis for each child, but we had a lot of children coming in complaining of respiratory symptoms, sore throat, and fever. The two patients I was able to help with care in the back had a finger laceration that required stitches under sedation and a patient with a seizure disorder secondary to syndrome. I was not able to get the syndrome name before it was time to leave.

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

- a. Most of the patients that came into the ED on Wednesday were school-aged or slightly younger. We did have a few teens. With respiratory season here I wasn't surprised that most of the patients that came in were school-aged and younger since they tend to be more susceptible to respiratory illnesses and strep.

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

- a. Yes, I was actually very nervous about this clinical. Mostly because the pediatric world is so new to me, and we have learned so much so fast that I am still processing things. I was worried that the PEDI ED was going to be so fast-paced that I wouldn't be able to keep up and just end up making myself look silly. Granted, during my time there we weren't as busy as I am sure they have been but even with the steady flow we had the process of the ED made it manageable. So my experience ended up being better than I thought. I was able to keep up and it really helped make content make sense. This is probably the most comfortable I have felt since we began clinical this module. It also

gave me a better understanding and perspective on how things work “behind the scenes”.

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

- a. I was able to help secure the patient’s arm and hand who came in with a finger laceration while the doctor stitched him under sedation. I was also able to help set up a room for an incoming seizure patient coming to us via ambulance.

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

- a. I have mad respect for Child Life Specialists especially now after my PEDI ED clinical. While I didn’t get to see them in action during my clinical, I definitely saw the need for them. We had a ton of scared little patients and Child Life was there to help them through their “scary situation” by providing distractions, toys, and explanations that were at their level.