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My first day on the Surgical ICU third floor was January 21. I came in that day as early as I possibly could to avoid being late. Also, I wanted to make a good impression to my preceptor as this would be my first day meeting and working with him. I started off with a bit of shadowing but my preceptor was ready for me to start working on my skills. I was able to administer blood to a patient under his guidance. He made sure all the necessary checks were completed and that the consent was signed and after that we were good to go. I also did get the opportunity to insert an NG tube and discontinue two ART lines and a chest tube. I did so much on my first day as compared to weeks of clinicals in my previous modules.

I was very nervous and excited starting this preceptorship program. Didn't really know what to expect for the most part. I literally thought they would throw us into the wolves and let us figure out all these things on our own. Ironically, this has not been the case. My preceptor has made it his point to make sure I learn something new every shift. He throws random questions at me to challenge me which allows me to critically think and evaluate these different patient scenarios. I do want to work in the ICU and specifically this floor. I have taken note of how the nurses work great together, flexibility with their work schedules, very clean and organized, everyone is task oriented, and they have a good coffee machine in the breakroom with all the condiments.

I am yet to speak to the nurse manager and express my interest in working on the unit after graduation. I haven't received any job offers yet so I'm assuming it's time to be professionally aggressive and go for it. What I also love about this floor is the level of trust the nurses have in me as a senior CSON student. This in a way has boosted my confidence to the point where some skills I can do them comfortably. Whenever I second guess myself when it comes to doing something, my preceptor gives me the assurance I need to move forward and get it done. This

confirms to me I am in safe hands and that I do know more than I actually think I know.

I want to conclude this reflection by thanking the instructors for picking me as one of the students to precept on this floor. Critical care has been my passion ever since I started nursing school. As complex as it is taking care of patients who are in this state, I take it as a challenge to make sure I do my absolute best in giving care, advocating for patient, and making sure the decisions made are in the patient's best interest. I have been blessed to work with very smart and highly competent nurses that serve as mentors for me. I look up to them and can only hope that one day I get to a point where I'm on top of my game as them and the doctors and nurse practitioners can start trusting me with decision making.