

**Instructional Module 6
Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience**

Community Site: Parkridge Pregnancy Center

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

I was able to go in on two patient's apartments. They both were taking pregnancy tests to confirm that they were pregnant. They both ended up being pregnant. The nurse let me go in the bathroom with her to test the urine and both test came up positive in less than a minute. Both women have had multiple births and have utilized that pregnancy center multiple times. They felt comfortable there and voiced that which I thought was really neat.

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

The most interesting part of my day was learning that a lot of women do not want to be on birth control because of the side effects and added hormones. I found this very interesting because these two women particularly have had multiple abortions and I guess I would just think being on birth control would be easier on your body than being pregnant.

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

I wouldn't want to start off in community nursing just for the sole fact that I would be scared that I would lose my skills. Maybe down the road after I have had experience in the hospital setting it would be a good option for me.

4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why not?

This site absolutely met the needs of the population they serve. I try and put myself in their patient's shoes and I would defiantly go to them for care. They are very non-judgmental and caring for their patients. They provide great care and refer their patients to the emergency department when the care is out of their hands. For example, one of the ladies was having abdominal pain and bleeding, she was also worried about a STD. Therefore, the nurse sent her to the hospital to get better care.

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?

Yes, the nurses did great patient teaching. The nurses made sure the women were aware of the free counseling they offer as well as all the benefits Medicare offer to those in need. They really push them to fill out their forms and get them submitted so they can get all the benefits such as ride reimbursements, free birth control, prenatal care, and medical care in general. Parkridge has many pamphlets and brochures they share with their patients to help them remember the information they have been given.

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