

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

I saw lots of patients come in with fever, cough, earaches, nausea and back pain in triage. The ambulance transfers that came in were 2 infants in respiratory distress and a toddler with uncontrolled asthma .

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

The majority of the kids that came in were school-age children

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

Yes. The nurses said they were having an off day and it was slower than normal. They said it was more like a "clinic day" than an emergency day. I expected the patients to be more critical. There was also a group of kids that came in complaining of the same things and we later found out that they were all friends and the parents believed that they were all trying to get out of going to school.

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

I helped a mom that got thrown up on and her daughter get cleaned up and I got to observe 2 IV starts on infants.

5. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?

The patient and parent walk into the ER and they are asked to fill out a form. The form is handed off to a nurse and they review their chart and call them back. The patient is weighed and has their vital signs checked. The nurse charts their information then takes them back to a room to be seen by the doctor.