

## Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?
  - a. Flu A
  - b. Blood infection gram and coccyx
  - c. Patient with low hemoglobin
2. The majority of the patients who came in to the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?
  - a. I saw all age groups in the PED except adolescents. I did not expect to see a school age patient. I'm not sure why, I guess I mainly thought a lot of the patients would be younger children with viruses. The school age patient came in with a low hemoglobin level, from bleeding for a whole month. I thought that was interesting and was curious what was going on.
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.
  - a. Yes, I thought it would be more exciting. I mainly just saw IV sticks and lab draws all day. Also just a lot of fevers, headache, nausea and vomiting.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?
  - a. I noticed with one of the older infants/young toddler he liked to have a blanket in his mouth while the nurse assessed him. This reminded me of how they find comfort in that oral stage.
  - b. I also heard how the nurse talked to the preschool child saying "I am going to listen to you" not I am going to take your heart rate.

- c. For the school age I saw how the nurse would tell the patient every step of the procedure that way they knew what was going on.
- 5. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?
  - a. In treatment rooms the child life would go into toddler rooms with toys that lit up and made noise. They also took an iPad in there.
  - b. With the infant they had the sweet water and a pacifier.
  - c. With the school age she had a book to show them where they were going to put the IV. She also had a book to distract them and keep them from looking at the needle. The iPad was also used for this age group.