

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

I saw the majority of patients seen in the pediatric ED was for respiratory issues. Flu and RSV were a few of the patients seen. I also saw a patient with tachycardia. I saw an injured infant from a fall with parent. I saw one patient with diarrhea continued over a period of time without resolve.

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

The age group of patients that were the majority seen in my rotation were infants and younger children. Most were preschool to school age. I also saw a couple of teenagers while in rotation. Of the teenagers it was unexpected that 17 years and older were sent over to the adult ED. Then, they would be rerouted to children's ED.

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

I did have the expectation to see young people in this rotation. The ages of which patients are considered adults or children in later teenage years is unclear. I believe the diversion recommendation is due to number of patients in either ED? This was unclear to me.

4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?

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

I helped to perform two EKGs on two patients being seen for syncope. I got to help with admission of a patient brought in by ambulance and help take VS to establish baseline status upon arrival.

6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?

I did not observe many mental health trends in the pediatric population on this day. The majority were acute care patients with complaints of infectious symptoms.

8. What patient population is the most vulnerable?
9. What is the process for debriefing after a traumatic event?
10. If someone donated \$100 million to the PED, what would you change?
11. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?
12. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?