

Instructional Module 6
Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience

Community Site: Dr. Blann's Clinic

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

- What I observed throughout the day was the normal routine for the nurses: checking in the patients, weighing them, taking them to their room, getting their blood pressure, and checking fetal heart tones. There was the normal questions that they do ask the mother as well!
- One cool procedure I did observe was an ultrasound, I didn't think Dr. Blann was going to turn off the lights when he was doing it - but he did. We were able to see the babies face and hands, but the mother warned us to not tell her the gender just yet; she wants to be surprised!
- I was unable to see other procedures be done, such as implants of birth control because once we set up the equipment for Dr. Blann, we would have to take in another patient from the waiting room. I should have just stayed back and spoken up, but I wanted to be helped for the nurses.

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

- Most interesting part of the experience was able to heart the heart tones of the baby and being able to do it myself. It took a couple of tries to get a hang of it, but I got use to it.

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

- A community nursing position is something I wouldn't consider working at because it is a constant routine job. You do this, and then this, and then this. I want to be able to be up and moving around as a nurse. I did like their insight about Labor and Delivery and different specialties, so not sure where I will end up.

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

- We saw a vast range of the community and I like how they know their patients very well. It seems like the patients come very often for check ups, so I would hope that the staff and Dr. Blann treat them well. Education wise with nurses is great too, Dr. Blann was intimidating to me but comforting when you get to know him, I think.

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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?

- Patient teaching could have been slight better from the nurses. We had a couple of mothers coming in smelling like cigarette smoke and bad hygiene – but they were some regulars who the staff knew well. I think that they could speak up and educate the mother about what they could do better before the baby arrives.
- Dr. Blann had another Doctor with him, so I rarely went into the room with him besides the ultrasound. Anytime he went into the room when I was in the room with the nurse, we rushed out. I think the nurses want to give him and the mother space to talk, perhaps? So, I hope that he is educating a bit more than the nurses. I am not saying they weren't because they would but not to an extent.