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Pediatric ED Reflection

- 1.) The type of patients/diagnoses I saw in the PED were mainly illness-respiratory virus. More specifically strep throat infections, difficulty breathing, and fever.
- 2.) The majority of patients who came into the PED were toddler-preschool age group. It is what I expected because these children are in school or daycare and are more prone to illness.
- 3.) My overall experience was different than anticipated. I work in the adult ER so I guess I was expecting more of a kid friendly environment. I was surprised to see the interactions I saw were more related to what I see in the main hospital.
- 10.) From my nurse: "If someone donated 100 million to the PED I would invest in a decontamination room, right now we don't really have one. The "room" we do have has outlets so its not safe for use, and prior we had a trailer we had to go outside for use so it wasn't practical."
- 11.) From my nurse: "The process of triage is checking in patients but also we are the first set of eyes to ever see our patients. We first get their chief complaint, a set of vital signs, and a little bit of history from the parents before we send them off to a room to be seen by a primary nurse and physician. In Triage we also see the most critical patient first. The waiting room to an ER is not a race you want to win."