

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

Vascular sling in a 3-month-old, constipation with fever in a 6-month-old, migraine in a 17 yr old, unknown virus in a 4 year old, cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome in a 15 year old.

2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected? A mix of ages. I was expecting to see more school aged children.

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

Yes, it was a little bit slower than I expected. I was expecting it to be a little bit busier with school back in session. The nurses were also very nice but particular in what they allowed the students to do.

4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)? When starting an IV on the infant, child life came in to help soothe the baby with a pacifier and sound machine. Also, with the adolescent with a migraine; child life offered calming techniques and a stress ball because he was nervous about getting an IV.

5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with? I get to watch a contrast radiography on the 3 month old infant, I observed the nurse start an iv on the 3 month old and 17 year old.

6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently? None that I seen. Only, upper respiratory infections.

7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population? I did not observe any. However, the nurses did say they get a lot of suicide attempts especially during the beginning of the school year.

8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important? Debriefing is important because it is the opportunity to see how things could have been handled different, to recognize the good performance and teamwork.
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED? I did not get to observe triage. There was not much going on up front so the student who was up there to begin with came to the back and joined me in observing different rooms.
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED? Child life is very busy. She was jumping around room to room offering different techniques to help soothe different age groups. I really enjoyed also learning from her.