

## Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?  
Seizures, croup, a toddler who swallowed a button size battery.
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?  
Infant to school age kids. Yes this is what I expected to see.
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.  
It was everything I expected and more.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?  
The approach taken to interact with each age group was different and had to be adjusted. I would see an 6mo then go see a teenager.
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?  
Sutures being placed in a toddlers toe
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?  
RSV and croup have been the most common communicable diseases
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?  
Suicide attempts were common. I saw two patients during my rotation. One was a 12 year old boy, another was a 15 year old girl.
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?  
Did not witness this, but was told that usually after a death they are sent to a debrief to discuss and receive talk therapy.
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?  
Call them back and verify information, ask medical history and drug allergies. You weigh each child and get their height. Then you check vitals signs and discuss the reason for the visit.
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?  
Child life plays a huge role in the ED. She was very attentive to every patient regardless of age. She was there to smooth and calm one baby, then went to another room where she distracted a toddler who was getting stitches.