

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?
 - Salmonella
 - Hand foot & mouth
 - Colostomy pain
 - Hx of seizures & had one this morning
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?
 - I had one patient that was a toddler, another patient was a school aged child, and the other two were adolescents. I was expecting a lot more toddlers to come in.
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.
 - Yes. The ER was a lot slower than I was expecting but still a very good experience to see how different nurses handle situations and personality types
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?
 - The growth and developmental stages came into play with how the nurses would communicate and explain different procedures they were performing.
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?
 - Vital signs
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
 - Hand foot and mouth
 - Strep
 - Covid
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?
 - Suicidal
 - A big uprise in psych patient where they sometimes will get 4 a shift

8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?
code lavender. They all get in a circle and talk about what went well.

9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?

The triage nurse has the patients parent check them in & fill out paperwork. Then they call the patient back to get VS & H&P. Then they put them in a room.

10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?

• I didn't get to see them actively through the ED today but I could see how beneficial it would be for someone who is getting an IV or having a procedure done that they are unsure of.