

## Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

I saw diagnoses such as emesis, constipation, shoulder pain, and broken arm.

2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?

The ages that I saw were ranging from 2 years old all the way up to 14 years old, which was something that I expected since I know that all type of children come to the PED.

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

It was pretty slow most of the day and I was expecting it to be a little chaotic since that is the idea I have always had of the ED. I didn't get to see anything crazy other than the kid with the broken arm and I was hoping to see other things as such.

4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?

Younger children were a bit more difficult when it came to doing things such as vitals and placing an IV than older children. We also had a few autistic kids, and they were a lot more difficult to take care of than all the other children.

5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?

I helped with vital signs and administering Motrin.

6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?

Rhinovirus, pneumonia, COVID.

7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?

Anxiety, depression, Suicidal ideation.

8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?

They usually only debrief after traumatic events happen such as death. They mostly talk about things that could've gone better to try and prevent the event from happening in the future.

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

They usually take the patient back to triage, get vital signs and a background of what is going on with the patient. Then the nurse gives them an acuity and decides if they should be placed in a normal room or in a trauma room.

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

Most of the time when I observed the child life specialist in the ED, they were there to distract the patient or explain procedures to them in their appropriate developmental level.