

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

Mostly N/V/D, and some broken bones

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

Mostly toddlers, but we did have older, and some what, I did expect toddlers but not as many teens as I did see.

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

My experience was not much different than what I was expecting. I have worked in the adult ER, so I understood what was going on. I think it's harder to understand what could be going health wise due to the young ages.

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

It changes the approach you have to take with them instead of being direct. Most of the time they don't want to be there and are scared. Therefore, you have to make them comfortable enough to trust you which is different from adults.

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

We watched an Xray and a wrist being reset.

5. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?

Allergies, stomach bugs, and upper resp. infections

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

ADHD, anxiety, and behavior problems

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

Involves the individuals and group to look at the incident as a whole and analyze the results. Then provide feedback on what they can do better. This is important to improve the way we do things and keep everything smooth even in chaos.

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

Get them signed in, brought back to get VS and more information on what's happening, then taken to their room to further treatment.

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

CLS is able to help in moments in need of a distraction when the staff has to do something they may not like. Today, the CLS helped distract a girl when putting in an IV and getting her arm wrapped.