

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?
 - I saw respiratory distress infant, a 4ft fall of a two year old, 15 day old with a 102 fever, a 13 week old possible RSV, two allergic reactions from different patients, and an ankle injury of a high school teenager.
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?
 - Most patient and the PED were toddlers, preschool, age, and infants. I did expect to see younger children mostly however, I was able to see one teenager in the pediatric ED.
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.
 - Overall, my experience was how I pictured it. It was calm until it wasn't. I did not expect for the newborn procedures to flow so quickly.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?
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5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?
 - I was able to witness a 15 day old have a lumbar puncture, two IV sticks, and a catheterization for a urine sample.
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
 - The community acquired diseases that are currently trending are community acquired pneumonia, influenza, RSV and COVID-19.
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?

- Some community mental health trends that are being seen in the pediatric population include an increase rate of depression, anxiety and suicidal ideations.

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

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

- The process includes checking in, then vitals, and brief questioning as to why they are coming to the emergency room, then an evaluation then placing the patients in a room meanwhile the triage nurse documents everything that was done.

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

- The child life specialist will play specific role with the children. Depending on the age, teaching, play, and overall comfort will be met while their visit in the ER.