

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?
 - a. I saw a couple of asthmatics who were having difficulty breathing and getting tested for flu.

2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?
 - a. They were mostly from the school age group which did not surprise me seeing as how these kids are at school where they have picked up illnesses or even getting injured.

3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.
 - a. My experience was different than what I was expecting because I had a relatively slow day and I thought it would be a little bit busier.

4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?
 - a. Both in triage and the treatment rooms growth and development came into play by the school age kids being very inquisitive of what we were doing and why, so we had to reassure and answer their questions so that they could feel comfortable.

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

- a. I assisted with cleaning wounds, inserting a foley catheter on a trauma patient, and swabbing for flu.
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
 - a. Measles, flu and strep
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?
 - a. Depression and anxiety are trending in the pediatric
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?
 - a. I was not able to see how they debrief after the traumatic event, but debriefing is important because it allows the healthcare team to discuss the event and what everyone did successfully and what they could have done differently.
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?
 - a. The nurse would take the patient into an exam room and receive vital signs, healthy history, and the details of the injury or illness. Then they would place them in a different room so that the physician can meet and decide on how to treat the patient.
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?
 - a. Child Life had games for the kids to play and participated in distracting the kids during uncomfortable procedures like IV insertions and blood draws.