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Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED? *Respiratory Distress, Fever
Cough, Arm injury*
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected? *Toddlers & School age
Yes.*
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples. *I expected to be busier and to be able to do more, like take VS & do their H&P questions.*
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)? *Take into consideration when offering toys to distract the pt.
The little 3yr old boy came to us via Aerocare came by himself. I sat and kept him company while parents arrived. He did not want to order or talk or play with anything.*
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with? *Blood draw from an IV*
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently? *Flu, RSV & Measles
late Oct - March*
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population? *Suicidal Ideals/Attempts.
Beginning of school year. Young kids behavioral issues.*
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important? *Staff normally does a huddle p an event. Afterwards, staff has access to counselor. Debriefing is important for their healthy well being.*
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED? *Name, Allergies, VS, Hx, Wt & Ht, Meds, Sx series.
Ask immunizations being current & #1 complaint for being in ED*
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?

They have provided a little space with toys for the children in the E.D. They can come when you are going to start an IV or any other procedure which requires distraction. They also help provide education to the parents & child regarding their diagnosis. We had a little 3yr old who came to us via Aerocare. We provided toys to him while we waited for his parents to arrive. We were not busy and I did not see Child Life Specialists on my side.