

I have successfully completed four preceptor shifts in the nursery and obstetrics unit. I was involved in multiple c-sections, feeding newborn babies, and monitoring newborn vital signs while also checking in on the mother periodically and meeting her needs as well. I was very eager to begin my rotation on this floor not realizing everything a nursery nurse does, I was in for a sweet surprise. My favorite event is to be part of a c-section because as the nursery nurse you get to check baby and perform the newborn assessment immediately after birth. However, the best part of c-section is getting to be the caretaker that places baby on mom for skin to skin. That moment is remarkable every time. There were two different scenarios where we had to act quickly. There was one newborn who was severely hypoglycemic, and I assisted in administering glucagon by rubbing it on babies' gums before getting her transferred to the NICU. Initially we obtained a heel stick glucose from baby, but I feel that given her symptoms I could have suggested we get the serum glucose first because there was ten-point difference between the two numbers. In addition, the mothers history included severe diabetes, and her physician informed us that mom was on heavy amount of insulin. Overall, we were able to raise the babies blood sugar slightly with the glucagon and a feeding but it was not enough. The pediatrician ordered an IV so that we could start an insulin drip which warranted the baby to go to NICU. I learned then that nursery cannot administer IVs on babies. I think that is something that could be pushed for change, especially in a critical situation. The transfer to NICU was done within twenty minutes give or take but at that time we could have already established a line and got medicine going while waiting for the transfer team. Or instead of waiting for NICU to come get baby, we take baby straight to NICU instead. I will use this experience to always advocate for my patient and expediate their needs as the best I can. I learned that a heel stick is not always accurate and to

take the initiative to obtain serum glucose when symptomatic of hypoglycemia. My heart has grown so much from the 96 hours I have spent on this floor.