

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED? Mostly children with runny noses and a fever. I did see one 6 week old with a high fever and unable to console.
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected? The majority were school aged children. With it being spring, I did expect to see this.
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples. Yes, I did not expect to see just sick children, I was thinking there would have been more of a variety.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)? Knowing where to take bp and O2, also in what normal signs look like compared to what we were seeing.
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with? I got to take several blood pressures, temperatures, and O2 sats.
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently? Right now, RSV and rhinovirus seem to be the two trending. There has been a couple of croup cases as well.
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population? Depression, anxiety, self-harm.
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important? Have a meeting, then have resources for a one-on-one with a therapist.
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED? Rating them on the scale. It is from 1-5. 5 means the pt will need no additional resources, 1 means the pt is coding.
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED? Usually the childlife specialist will bring little goodies or 'distractions'.