

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED? I saw a patient come in with a viral infection and a patient who was constipated
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected? One was three years old and the other thirteen years old. I did expect to see younger kids.
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples. Yes, I figured there would be a lot more to do and see but there were only two patients the entire time I was there.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)? Talking with the three-year-old and distracting her with toys she liked made the visit quicker she cooperated a bit more. The thirteen-year-old didn't want to really talk to anyone she was just to herself and very quiet which is normal for her age.
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with? There were no procedures done while I was there.
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently? Measles
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population? Suicide is growing in the pediatric population.
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important? So that everyone is on the same page about what happened and to make sure nothing was missed or misinterpreted. Everyone needs to make sure all the information each person collected was correct.

9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED? They go to the back, vitals, weight, height and a health assessment is done. Past medical history is reviewed. Questions about current signs and symptoms are also discussed along with medications they are currently taking or have taken. The nurse charts all information and then they go to a room in the back to see the doctor.
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED? They are there to help distract the patient or to help them feel more comfortable being there by allowing them to play games or read books or play with toys with the kids to make the hospital not seem like such a scary place.