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Final Reflection

After completing my preceptorship in the pediatric emergency department, I learned the importance of efficiency, teamwork and asking questions when in doubt. My preceptor has helped me gain so much knowledge and confidence, by the end of my Capstone Project I was able to document, talk to parents about discharge and interact with the doctors and nurses.

In the emergency department everything is fast paced, the quality of your work is important specially while trying to time manage the amount of flow the department receives. I learned how to take care of patients that some are in emergency situations, and nonemergent – both are treated with the same quality of care. Through my clinical experience, I was able to learn the importance of both sides of the emergency department, one of the being the triage. I learned how important it is to effectively triage a patient and be able to categorize them depending on their level of emergency. I've been able to see kids in many different age groups and it is very interesting to see how each child describes/experiences health conditions. Kids are very resilient and brave, it's incredible to see how well they recover and push through their sickness. I've also learned a lot about setting emotions aside, specially in cases that involving child abuse. The resources used in the pediatric realm have been a learning curve, such as the use of CPS and poison control. Both resources help the nurses better assist the patients, as some cannot describe how they are feeling, many times the nurses advocate for these patients.

Overall, when I was first assigned to the pediatric floor, I was very nervous about interacting with children. However, as I continued my preceptorship my confidence has improved tremendously. I'm very pleased to have been able to practice my skills in pediatrics and gained some first-hand knowledge on an area I wasn't confident in.