

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?

I saw 2 drug over doses, possible seizure, broken arm, and possible hernia.

2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?

10-14 Y/O, I did not expect this age group to be most patients. I was expecting younger kids around 6Y/O

3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.

Yes, I expected a lot more patients than we saw, we had around one new patient an hour. I expected patients to come in sicker than they were. Today majority of the kids could walk on their own and speak which is good just not what I was expecting.

4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?

Growth and development come in to play in patient rooms. When talking to patients the different ages affect how they responded to questions based on their cognitive age. We had some patients who were delayed mentally and their language and how they acted. The older patients were not interested in answering questions and certain question they would try to avoid. They younger patients were more concerned with the procedures we were going to preform but did not have any issues answering question the doctor had.

5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?

I watched an IV insertion, arm reduction, and a doctor's assessment. I got to assist with an EKG, D/C an IV, discharge a patient and give discharge teaching to patient and family.

6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?

The Measles is currently still trending.

7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?

Drug OD, depression, and anxiety

8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?

Staff debriefs by talking about the situation, what could have gone better and what went well. They reflect on what needs to be done differently next time. This is important to help each member of the health care team to learn from the experiences to be more prepared for next time.

9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?

Ask questions about what brought them in. Take patients vital signs. Give them a score 1-5 1-being highest risk and need intervention the quickest and 5-being low risk for quick decline in status.

10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?

Child life helps with distracting kids while they do different procedure like IV and blood draws. They also help kids who are about to have surgery to prepare them and reduce anxiety and fears.