

**Description**

My preceptorship has been on Faith 7 Oncology with Jennifer McNeill. I have currently completed 4 shifts (although on one of those we were floated to Mercy 6). I have gotten a lot of firsthand practice in my clinical skills, clinical judgement, and time management. I have spent time familiarizing myself with the floor, the culture, and the patient population. I have gotten to use my Spanish to facilitate therapeutic communication for a patient who didn't speak English. I got to practice receiving and giving shift report using the SBAR model, and how to use the chart to build a schedule/to-do list for the day.

**Feelings**

From the beginning I've been equal parts nervous and excited to work on this floor. Since oncology is the field that I'd love to work in after graduation I really wanted to make a good impression, but even more than that I really wanted to absorb as much knowledge and experience as I can in this final module! It has been really fulfilling and exciting to put everything I have learned into practice and slowly put together the "big picture" of the nursing process in a day-to-day setting.

**Evaluation**

My preceptor has been amazing! She has allowed me to practice and experience everything possible. She has also been really good about slowly adding to my workload and how many patients for which I function as the TPCN. Even when I would think that things are busy or chaotic, she modeled a calm attitude and positive perspective to the day. I feel like even 4 shifts of 10 completed, I have grown tremendously as a nurse.

**Analysis**

I have gotten to witness and practice a lot of "skills" of nursing: med admin, CVAD dressing changes, chemo admin, admissions, patient teaching. I have gotten to see nurses come together to encourage patients struggling with new diagnoses. I am slowly adding tools into my "nursing toolbelt" and I have been trying to fit all the small puzzle pieces into the big picture of nursing and clinical judgement.

**Conclusion**

I am excited to continue to learn, not just this module, but for the rest of my life. I have loved my experience and I think it has really shaped my view of nursing practice.

**Action Plan**

One interaction that has stuck with me, despite how seemingly inconsequential, is this: we received report on one patient that had been asking for around the clock pain medication for her back since the day before. When we went in that morning to give her pain medications, I noticed

that she didn't have a waffle mattress, so we put one on her bed. From that point on she slept soundly and denied a need for pain medication. I know that that is probably a silly story, but it stuck with me because it reminds me that in my practice to remember to look at my patients and see what interventions I can use to help the whole patient rather than just treating "the chart" or "the machine."