

## Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?  
Most of the patient that I got to see were not diagnosed with anything yet. I got to see a child with an open fracture, two children with flu-like symptoms, and a child who had been experiencing high blood pressure for the last few months
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?  
The day I went there were actually a wide range of children. With the youngest being 4 days old and the oldest being 17. This IS what I expected
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.  
Yes! I expected it to be very fast paced and it was pretty calm for the most part since I had the afternoon shift.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?  
It guides how care is given- how to approach the patient, what meds are given, how many nurses are needed
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?  
Starting an IV, flushing a nose with saline and suctioning, removal of a stuck earring and a breathing treatment.
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?  
When I asked a nurse they said they are starting to see their first rhinoviruses and influenza cases
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?  
The nurse said overdoses and anxiety
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?  
I did not get to experience this but the charge nurse said they quickly review care and team performance and this helps them prepare for future events
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?  
They review the patients CC and then take them back to get a set of vitals and ask/answer important questions
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?  
I did not get to witness or talk to a child life specialist in the ED