

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?
I saw/heard of appendicitis, a child fell and hit the back of his head and experienced a small bleed out period, a cyst on axilla, and yellowish (yellow) in vaginal area
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?
I saw a wide range 13, 14, 2 yrs old, 4 yrs old
I think this was about what I expected - a wide range of ages and developmental levels
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.
I had a good experience. I was worried it was going to be super chaotic and severe. Instead, majority of these pts were walky-talky, and not as critical as I expected
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?
I witnessed a nurse get vitals on a very active autistic pt. She was very calm and patient with her but also firm.
I also witnessed a 13 yr old who was scared of needles and pain. It made her extremely anxious.
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?
I witnessed a cyst drainage procedure
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
Strep virus, RIND virus are big with back to school
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7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?
lots of self harm and suicide
w/ homicidal tendencies w/ back to school
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?
the dr. will have a meeting with everyone at the nurse's station, discuss all that went right, how they did all they could. code lavender: someone will come around with some goodies and treats and even bring treats
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?
come in, get background info, vitals, history, and then put them in a room. The categories them based on expected resources 1- gunshot, 2 psychiastr
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?
they are a great resource that the ED usually underutilizes.
they are helpful with distractions and education the child and parents