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Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

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

Viral infections / Hand Injury / neck Injury / constipation

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

Between 5 - 12 years old; I did expect this age group

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

it was a great experience, it was definetly more slower & more non-emergent than I thought; lots of pts were in for urgent care needs.

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

with our younger kiddos, getting vital signs was a little tricky due to them being afraid of our materials; BUT wording & atraumatic care really helped ease this.

- What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?

I got to observe a suprapubic cath / IV starts / X-RAYS / IV ultrasounds

- What community acquired diseases are trending currently?

viral infections / bacterial strep

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

anxiety / depression / stress / PTSD (maybe, due to poten. ACE's)

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

debriefing after a traumatic event looked to be more of a check on the team

- What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?

when triaging pts, they scale them 1-5 based on needs; get their baseline data & get them set up in a room; determine which is most important #1st

- What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?

This was not observed for me but I would assume to help with atraumatic care & distraction methods