

Pediatric ED Reflection Questions

1. What types of patients (diagnoses) did you see in the PED?
I saw one patient w/ suspected UTI, one patient, w/ frequent emesis, one patient being monitored for depression, and another w/ an abscess on back
2. The majority of the patients who came into the PED were from which age group? Was this what you expected?
Adolescents and no, I thought I'd see more school-age children
3. Was your overall experience different than what you expected? Please give examples.
Yes, I thought it was going to be more busy, but only 4 patients came.
4. How did growth and development come into play when caring for patients (both in triage and in treatment rooms)?
When talking to the adolescents, we were more serious and talked to them rather than parents.
5. What types of procedures did you observe or assist with?
An EKG and I saw a drainage of an abscess
6. What community acquired diseases are trending currently?
There was the recent measles outbreak but also just flu.
7. What community mental health trends are being seen in the pediatric population?
There have been more suicide attempts than normal
8. How does the staff debrief after a traumatic event? Why is debriefing important?
Different roles/jobs would talk about what they see to better plan care.
9. What is the process for triaging patients in the PED?
They get checked in, we ask questions while doing vitals, then assign them a room.
10. What role does the Child Life Specialist play in the PED?
They distracted the children while doing procedures like an ultrasound or starting an IV