

I am currently doing my preceptorship on the pediatric unit and on the pediatric oncology/overflow floor. I felt excited during the clinic because I am learning a lot about how to take care of the pediatric population. I thought it was interesting to see how the PICC team does a procedure on a child at the bed side. I was also excited to see how a PICC line was inserted in interventional radiology. I also felt especially empathetic for my patient and his family because he was a two year old who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

I already knew how to perform assessments and provide medication administration. I also made sure to establish trust with the patients and explain everything that I was doing in a way that would not scare the children. I also monitored intake and output by documenting everything the patient consumed and I weighed diapers to document how much the output was.

Areas I can improve in are organization and time management because I need to work on clustering my care for each patient. I felt like I was constantly in and out of the patients room because I kept forgetting to bring certain supplies. I also want to improve on my SBAR and giving report on each of my patients.

I learned how to take care of a patient with an ileostomy because I have never seen one in the clinical setting. I helped drain the pouch for the patient and then I also learned what a stoma is supposed to look like. I was also taught how to properly dilute IV medications for pediatric patients.

I will use what I learned in my own practice when I am taking care of patients with an ileostomy and need to have their medication diluted. I will know better how to manage care for a patient with an ileostomy and how to teach them how to care for it on their own.