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Midterm Reflection

During my first four days of clinical experience in Module 8, I've had a very productive and rewarding time. Although I only spent one of those shifts in the PICU, I've gained significant knowledge and confidence as I prepare to become a new graduate nurse. On my second and third days in the NICU, my preceptor allowed me to complete all of the patient cares independently. This was a great opportunity to apply the skills I've been developing and to gain confidence in caring for patients. I was responsible for performing assessments, monitoring vital signs, completing feedings, and ensuring that each infant's needs were met. Having the autonomy to manage patient care while knowing my preceptor was there for support helped me build both my clinical judgment and time management skills. It was rewarding to see how much I've grown in my ability to provide care. After completing four clinical shifts, some areas I'd like to continue improving include becoming more comfortable with documentation and enhancing my communication with patients and their families. I recently cared for a patient in a suspected child abuse case, which was a very eye opening and challenging experience. In this situation, I had to remain professional and nonjudgmental, focusing on providing unbiased care to both the patient and their family. It reminded me of the importance of maintaining professionalism, especially in sensitive situations where personal emotions could easily interfere with patient care. This experience strengthened my understanding of the crucial role nurses play in creating a safe and supportive environment for vulnerable patients. I'm excited to continue with my upcoming clinical shifts and keep building on the knowledge and skills I've gained so far. I look forward to gaining more hands-on experience, improving my clinical judgment, and becoming more confident in my nursing practice. The progress I've made so far has been motivating, and I'm eager to keep learning from my preceptors, patients, and the healthcare team as I prepare to transition into my role as a new graduate nurse.