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Instructional Module 6: Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience

Community Site: STD Clinic

1. What did you observe during the day? Were there any specific procedures that were able to participate in or observe? I observed how HIV testing is conducted, including the setup and key diagnostic questions. I also participated in procedures such as drawing blood and transferring patient's urine samples into test tubes.

2. What was the best/most interesting part of the experience?

The best part of this experience was being able to perform a few blood draws. I also found it interesting when the Pharmacy tech took me into the lab to show how tests are processed & confirmed. She also shared a brief powerpoint about different types of tests for the diseases & reassured me that they're available to help if nurses have questions about test or collection procedure.

3. Is a community nursing position something that you would consider working in? Why or why not?

I would consider working in a community nursing position after gaining a few years of bedside experience to build my skills first.

4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why not?

I believe the STD clinic effectively supports its patients by providing proper care, communication & treatment.

5. Did you witness patient teaching? What general things were taught to this population? Do you feel that patient teaching in this community site was adequate? Why or why not?

I observed patient education at the STD clinic, which focused mainly on safe sex practices. The nurse provided condoms & gave clear, step-by-step instructions on how to take PO treatments without stopping early. I believe the nurse offered adequate and effective patient teaching.

6. Provide examples of care describing *one or more* of the IM6 Student Learning Outcomes.

IM6 Student Learning Outcomes				
Safety & Quality	Clinical Judgment	Patient Centered Care	Professionalism	Communication & Collaboration
Formulate a plan of care for the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders using evidence-based practice, safety, and quality principles.	Demonstrate clinical judgment using evidence-based data in making clinical decisions for the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders.	Demonstrate family centered care based on the needs of the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders.	Relate knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of the professional nurse by advocating and providing care to the childbearing families, and the patient with mental health disorders.	Communicate and collaborate effectively with patients, family, and members of the interdisciplinary team in the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders.

Safety & Quality: The safety and quality task I performed involved verifying each patient's name & DOB and double-checking their identification before sending blood or urine samples.

Clinical Judgment: A clinical judgment I made involved a patient who was a difficult stick. After the nurse and I were unsuccessful in both arms, I decided to try the forearm using a butterfly needle.

Patient Centered Care: Patient-centered care was demonstrated by providing patient with condoms so her partner would have no excuse for not using them.

Professionalism: I demonstrated professionalism by maintaining proper hygiene and using sterile technique when drawing blood, then providing a cotton ball and bandage afterward.

Communication & Collaboration:

Communication and collaboration with the patient involved addressing concerns about ongoing HIV risk. The nurse advised returning in 3 months for retesting & provided education on effective treatment.