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Midterm MICU Clinical Reflection

My experience so far on the MICU floor has been great and full of learning opportunities professionally, educationally, and socially. I have always liked working in teams and critically thinking through problems, and the MICU floor allows me to do just that by caring for critically ill patients alongside an interdisciplinary team. Educationally, I have learned a lot about medications, procedures, and nursing judgment. Socially, this floor has taught me how to communicate better with patients and their family members who are often anxious and worried.

- Initially, I did not really know what to expect from my preceptorship on this floor, but after the first day, I felt comfortable. So far, the opportunities I've been given on this floor make me feel that, regardless of which nursing specialty I pursue... if it's not the MICU, I will already feel well prepared.
- One of the biggest things I would say that I have gotten more confident in doing is hanging IVPBs, as those were something I always had trouble doing. Although I am not proficient, I feel much better now than before the preceptorship. One of my current weaknesses is that I am still getting used to charting and am slower than I'd like to be at it.

Overall, my experience for my first 5 shifts on MICU has been great!