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Midterm Reflection

I am writing this reflection after six shifts on the floor. I am feeling good about how I have progressed through all the hours, but then I still find myself overwhelmed at times and scared to know I will soon be a nurse navigating the role on my own. I am happy with my preceptor as she is someone with such good work ethic whom I aspire to compare too and possibly work aside with some day. She is very informative in her education with patients, cares about keeping their dignity, safety, hygiene, and comfort at exceptional levels that sadly you do not always get to witness on the floors.

I have been doing everything beside my nurse in every shift, but I also have been focusing on charting in EPIC, specifically charting head-to-toe (PCS) assessments. I am finding confidence in completing the charting, but I am still a bit slow. We always hear throughout school that you learn something new every day in nursing, and I definitely see it! Even in the little things, as I know there is still so much to learn. For me every day it is something new with how to document complex things. I now am better at keeping up with the task to complete and new orders that come in for the patients, but I feel I still tend to run around blindly following the preceptor at times.

Now that I am nearing the end of the preceptorship, I feel all the nerves returning tenfold. I am proud of the progression and exposure that these final ongoing clinical hours and nursing school have provided for me, though I am just hoping to be a great advocate for future patients in my care and a competent nurse that can prioritize safety. I will go into these final shifts ready to soak up all the knowledge, keep the anxiety at bay, practice all the skills possible, and finish out strong.