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## Final Reflection

The second half of this clinical experience was full of learning and hands on experience. I was able to almost evenly split my time on Pedi Overflow and Pedi Med Surg. Both floors have been busy and full of learning experiences.

Some of the diagnoses I was able to see were leg fractures, ulcerative colitis, botulism, pseudo seizures, leukemia and lymphoma. As far as new skills performed, I was able to do a sterile dressing change on a port, hang and prime platelets and whole blood. I also learned how to heparin lock a port and give an IM Humira injection. I was able to get more comfortable charting daily assessments and hourly rounds.

A patient experience that really stood out to me this term was a new diagnosis of Lymphoma. My patient was a 13-year-old boy that was brought to the ER via Kite Flight for a mediastinal mass leading to hypoxia. He spent a few days in PICU and was then transferred to 2 south where my nurse and I assumed care. The 2 days I was able to care for him were days “in waiting” of biopsy result for the family. It was truly a humbling experience to be able to see a small glimpse of what the family went through in those days. The overwhelming positive attitude of my patient made me realize how strong kids really are. He remained incredibly respectful and never gave any indication of being scared. We got to have conversations on what port placement may look like, what a Lumbar Puncture would entail and even discussed what color he may want to dye his hair before he loses it.

In the 2 days I was also able to see Dr conversations, case management, child life and visits from the Chaplin where my nurse and I were asked to hang back and join the family in

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prayer. Overall, the entire experience was very eye-opening and made me grow in my family centered care. I think this is a patient case I will forever remember.

I still feel strongly that Pediatrics is where I would like to expand my career. Whatever that may look like I am so thankful for this clinical experience and the opportunity to grow and feel more confident in my future as a nurse.