

## Cardiac Diagnostics Experience

### Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing Nursing Care of Adults III Course

**Information:** Report to the Cardiac Diagnostics area on your scheduled day. The experience is from 0800 to 1200 on Tuesday or Wednesday. Experiences will vary according to the census and scheduled procedures for the day. Location is – first floor by the main entrance of the hospital to the left along the glass windows.

**Cardiac Diagnostics (4 hours):** Students have the opportunity to experience various cardiac diagnostic tests and the nursing care and responsibilities for each test. Cardiac diagnostic procedures include echocardiograms, cardiac stress tests, transesophageal echocardiograms (TEE), cardioversions, pacemaker clinic, cardiac catheterization, and cardiac rehabilitation.

Following the clinical experience, write to the following questions and submit via drop box to J. Reising. Assignment is due by 0800 Friday following your experience.

1. What cardiac diagnostic procedures were you able to observe? Explain about the tests.
2. Prioritize key nursing interventions for patients receiving these procedures. Give specific examples and why.
3. Critique information about cardiac function obtained through various diagnostic studies in relation to patient symptoms and assessment.
4. Cardiac Rehab: Explain 3 benefits of physical conditioning in the management of coronary artery disease.
5. What patient teaching or discharge instructions were included along with the testing?

June Baker, Firelands Regional Medical Center student nurse,  
(print student's name)

was present at our facility from 0800 to 1200 . Cardiac Diagnostics Dept.  
(start time) (end time) (name of dept.)

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(signature of agency representative)

4/17/13 1200  
(date and time)