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My first experience on the mental health floor was a little nerve wrecking. I wasn't sure what to expect as far as how the patients would treat me or the other nurses when I got there. I was worried the patients would make uncontrolled comments and remarks towards us. I had thoughts of them being **rowdy and hard to talk with**. I was wrong in my thoughts and initial judgements, as they were all relatively quiet and kept to themselves. They were respectable and actually interesting to chat with.

One misconception with mental health is people tend to view them as abnormal to society, and hard to deal with. I believe it is a false statement due to my experience. These patients have nothing demoralizing them in any way. They still have caring, friendly attitudes, they know how to treat others in professional settings, and they are cooperative with conversations and medications. Some patients did have easier managed diagnoses than others, but that didn't change my views of them, nor should that influence other people's views.

I was very interested in communicating with all sorts of diagnosed patients and to see how they act, communicate, and get along in society. I was anticipating interacting with patients with sever schizophrenia, bipolar, and other severe diagnoses. I did get to see a wide variety of patients with different disorders which I was glad to see. I do know the Pavilion has more severe patients there.