

The cath lab has been a very compelling clinical assignment. Last Wednesday, I was able to observe an emergency STEMI case. Arriving in the morning, I had made an introduction with the nurse I would be working with that day. I had seen an ambulance running code making its way to the emergency room entrance as we talked, and I made a mental note wondering if they would end up our way. A few minutes after that, a code was called on our floor, but we hadn't had any patients arrived yet. I had thought that this might have been the client that arrived by ambulance. This ended up being a test as there were some new hires, and some staff education was being performed on emergency care. This ended up quickly being interrupted by the actual emergency case that I had built a suspicion of.

That day I had also observed left and a right side cardiac catheterization. One of the nurses went over with me about how chronic very high blood pressure makes the coronary vessels curl as observed during our cases that day. Many of the staff on the floor have been very enthusiastic about educating me on the nuances they've learned within the career. They've also been very knowledgeable about the heart's electrical pathways, which I've been very thankful for. That can be a challenging topic that we're going over within Adult Health three.