

Being able to communicate effectively with patients and physicians is essential in the medical field. As a nurse, if Ashley is not communicating correctly with the patients or the physician, they may not understand what the nurse is asking or telling them. The article states that miscommunication is a common occurrence in the nephrology unit (Payton, 2018). One concept from class that Ashley was able to master quickly as HIPPA. HIPPA is the confidentiality of the patient's information and keeping the information to the care team, providing care to that person and no one else. Ashley does not believe there were any concepts that she had difficulty understanding this week from the lecture. After everything that has gone on this week, Ashley is most proud that she has survived another week of nursing school and staying up on homework while going to work and keeping up with the children and housework. What Ashley has learned this week as a student nurse is that as a student, Ashley needs to jump in to learn new skills. Ashley was able to see an ultrasound performed and learn how they look at organs through the ultrasound—identifying if those organs are genuinely there or not. Overall this week was good with experiences that have taught Ashley how to become a good nurse when she graduates.

Reference:

Payton, J. (2018). Improving communication skills within the nephrology unit. *Nephrology Nursing Journal*, 45(3), 269-271, 280