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Clinic Observation Assignment

I attended my clinic observation day in Danville, Illinois at Carle at the Riverfront. While at clinic I observed an IUD placement, telephone pre-natal visit, annual pap smear, and a progesterone injection.

While at clinic, I thought that the appointment that would be the least interesting would be the Pap smear, but it turned out to be the most interesting part of the day. Before the Pap smear, the provider described what both an abnormal and normal pap smear would look like. As the provider inserted the vaginal speculum, the provider looked at me and notified me that this Pap smear was anything but normal. The patient had then relayed to the staff in the clinic room that for the past couple of months she had been having black colored discharge. As the provider got a closer look down into the vagina, she noticed something to the side of the wall of the vagina. The mystery object seemed to be balled up, and a black color. The provider then decided to take a Foerster Ring Forceps and try to grab the object that was in the vagina. Once pulling the object out of the vagina, we then realized that it was a recessed tampon.

During my entire day at clinic, I watched my nurse perform various different tasks. I witnessed my nurse on the phone for prenatal telephone visits, escorting patients to the rooms, performing assessments on patients, cleaning exam rooms, stocking supplies, and assisting the providers in the exam room.