

N431 Adult Health II

Clinical Reflection Form

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1. Briefly write about today's experience(s)

I only had one patient today with my nurse. We had a pediatric patient who required anesthesia for an MRI. I observed the teaching and preparation the nurse did with the patient and family before they went to the MRI. I sat with the MRI technicians while my patient was getting the scans done. I also watched the CRNA, and she talked me through some anesthesia things and the process of putting him to sleep and waking him up. I had a great experience here; all healthcare team members were more than willing to teach me.

2. What is one thing you learned?

I had never observed an MRI before, I was unaware of what made them take so long sometimes. I learned that the MRI technician had to edit the settings of certain scans because of the patient having metal dental spacers. I also learned the behind-the-scenes process of general anesthesia such as the placement of the laryngeal airway tube and how they like to tape the eyes shut.

3. What is one thing you would do differently?

I wish I would have asked the CRNA more questions about her monitoring and documentation.

4. What is your major "take home" from today's clinical experience(s)?

MRIs can take a long time and it is important to check what devices the patient may have that can interfere with the scan. For this patient, the doctor wanted to see if there was anything going on with the 4th cranial nerve. Because of the spacers, the images were not turning out great and they did not get the best pictures. This also caused a pediatric patient to be under anesthesia for about 2 hours instead of 45 minutes.

5. Is there anything else you would like to mention?

My nurse, Derek, was great and showed me every step of the process. Derek let me review the chart and the documentation they need to complete when the patient is coming off anesthesia.