

This week was a great learning experience at clinical. I was lucky enough to go to the OR and watch two surgeries (well....one and some of another) and I learned so much! The surgeon and nurses explained a lot to me, which was really appreciated! This week, I learned that I understand procedures much better when I see them in person. While this may not seem too exciting, it was incredibly helpful for me. I saw two ports put in. We have discussed ports in lecture, skills lab, and I have seen them on the floor, but seeing one put in really helped me understand the process. I was watching the procedure and remember thinking it just “clicked” for me! It also really helped me to understand why doctors use ports versus PICCS. When I was in high school, I took a health occ class and really loved being in the OR. Since then, I really haven’t had much experience so, one of the highest emotional moments in learning was just remembering how much I enjoyed the OR. It was also pretty cool to see the things we had just discussed in lecture. It just brought it all full circle for me, which will help me retain the information I have learned. I felt proudest about my learning this week when I was able to converse with the surgeon about what he was doing; being able to take what I know and apply it to a real-life situation was so fun! I am so thankful to have had this opportunity and I hope I am able to go back!!