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ER Clinical Reflection

- My experience in the ER was a good learning experience. It was interesting to actually see someone come in with SOB for a COPD exacerbation and see the pursed lips breathing and how it is actually relevant to what we are learning in class. My nurse was very helpful in explaining what was happening with each patient and how things went in the ED. Though I didn't get to perform any skills I was able to see a lot and administer medications with the nurse and practiced priming tubing more.
- One thing I learned is that you have to work fast, and all your patients might need something at once but its prioritizing and working with your coworkers to get it done. Also, even though you graduated that doesn't mean you know everything so asking questions to the doctor and others is okay.
- One thing I would have done differently is I wish I asked more questions on what was going out with certain patients. Overall, I think I had a great experience and that's all I wish I did differently.
- My biggest take away is that the ED isn't as scary as it seems. You seem to hear all these horror stories of the ER and it makes you scared to go there, and it wasn't like that at all. The staff was actually very welcoming which made it easier to ask questions and understand what was going on.