

## Journal #1 – ED

There was a patient who has gangrene on his right lower leg. He's had it for two years, and it's not healing due to not following orders from the provider. He stopped going to the wound clinic and hasn't changed his dressing for the past two days. I was able to help the RN get an EKG and a urine sample from the patient. I also had the chance to do a wet-to-dry dressing on his wound.

An older woman is in the ED because of her blood pressure of 200/98. I was able to help get her vitals and tried to start an IV. She had a blown vein, so the RN took over.

A man complained of left inner thigh pain a few months after his chemotherapy for prostate cancer. He stated that he has trouble lifting his leg and walking at times. I was able to give him ibuprofen for pain relief.

A woman was rushed into the ED in a wheelchair because she's been throwing up blood for the last three days. She recently had a tonsillectomy, which caused her to have bleeding.

A man is in the ED due to bleeding from an unknown area. It turns out; he has a large wound in his groin area due to a sedentary lifestyle. The nurse discharged him after finding and cleaning the site.

A man started with a small cut on his finger while playing with an old, rusted toy car with his son. The wound eventually got bigger and turned into an ulcer. I got to do a wet-to-dry dressing on his finger. He got admitted to the floor.

A mom brought her daughter to the ED due to a gashed lip from falling during recess. It took about an hour for the little girl to let the nurses clean her wound. She wouldn't let anyone check her lip and would have tantrums. The doctor wanted to do dissolvable stitches, but the little girl wouldn't comply. The nurse ended up just giving the mom a clear adhesive bandage to prevent the wound from opening extensively and from infection.

A mom brought in her baby due to abnormal breathing. It was my first time seeing a nurse take the temperature rectally and learned how to take vitals for a baby.