

Journal #2 – Surgery and 4 East

Surgery:

I was fortunate enough to be able to watch five surgeries since there's really not many surgeries scheduled in the afternoons. I saw four back-to-back cataract surgeries. The surgeon explained the procedure and he also allowed me to look through the surgical microscope. The fifth surgery was an appendectomy. During the procedure, the surgeon found an appendage on the patient's sigmoid colon. He removed the appendage first then the appendix.

4 East:

February 27, 2020: The nurse that I was paired with didn't allow me to do anything even after I showed her the list of the things that the students could do. She only allowed me to observe whatever she was doing. She would automatically call the CNAs that were working every time she needed help instead of asking me. At least I was able to look and review her patient's charts.

March 3, 2020: The nurse that I was paired with was a lot better than the previous nurse I was with. We were at the unit's safety zone. She only had two patients at the time and allowed me to do a care plan on one patient who was diagnosed with hepatic encephalopathy. The patient has been getting a paracentesis since he was admitted due to his ascites. I was able to get the patient's vitals and had the opportunity to percuss his abdomen and heard a lot of fluid shifts. Overall, the patient was dependent and didn't need or ask for any help.

The other patient was an elderly woman. She was confused and kept pulling her tubes off including her IV. The nurse allowed me to start an IV, but her vein ruptured. I also ordered her food two times and when her food arrives, she didn't want to eat.