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I was on the floor today and was assigned a patient who was there due to becoming febrile and weak during his week off chemotherapy. His care at the hospital was coming to a close as he was preparing to head home later that day. I was able to provide him with the care that he needed and he was very happy. The greatest challenge I experienced during the day was doing a full body assessment on my patient. In particular, I have difficulty in picking up adventitious sounds. Personally, I am feeling more confident with being on the floor, taking care of patients as well as making the connection between what is being taught in class and what I see in my patients. Professionally, I am able to establish rapport with the patients and the nurses and gain knowledge. Spiritually, I feel blessed to be able to attend clinical during COVID times while the other clinical group has been finding it very difficult. My greatest accomplishment of the week was being able to take care of not only my patient, but also being able to help out my colleagues with their patient care as well. I was able to communicate effectively with the patient, the staff on the floor as well as with my colleagues. I would like to continue to improve my assessment skills as that will be very critical going forward. I would also like to be able to give more medications and possibly place an IV in the near future. "You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light" (2 Samuel 22:29). It has been a very difficult few weeks since we have had so many exams and assignments coming together at the same time. I was feeling very overwhelmed and helpless at times but God guided me in the right way and helped me accomplish all my goals and placed me in the place where I want to be.