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This week I was able to do a lot of different things. I entertained a toddler while his mother was away, performed a bladder scan, changed a diaper, and straight cathed a patient. It was interesting to see the entire hospital and meet the patients. I was surprised that the hospital also had a school. The greatest challenge I faced this week was starting to get into the mode of interacting with children. It took me about an hour to make the change to interact with children rather than how I act with adults. One area of personal growth I saw was feeling completely comfortable interacting with my nurse. Unlike other semesters I felt completely comfortable communicating with any staff. My greatest accomplishment was performing a bladder scan because I learned how to do this for the first time. The bladder scan was easy to understand how it worked. One technical skill I performed was a straight catheter. I learned this in the lab last spring but I was excited to perform this on a real patient. This week I was able to communicate well with my patients and fellow classmates. My patient was in school all day so I had to communicate with other classmates and learn from their patients as well. One area I would like to continue to improve on is interacting with children. I would like to practice patient education on the child level.

Psalm 41:3, "The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness, you restore him to full health."

This bible verse connects to clinical because it relates to children with chronic illnesses. I was surprised at how many children had such serious illnesses at Blythedale. As Christian nurses, we know that the Lord has the power to heal even when the child is on his sickbed. We can trust the Lord to heal the patients