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This week at clinical I had a 5-year-old female patient that had feeding difficulties. She had an ND tube which ended up getting dislodged while vomiting two days prior. During her stay at Blythedale the focus is on her feeding and educating the family. I did not face many challenges today but the only struggle I had was that the morning care was already completed for my patient. I was able to still perform vitals and an assessment despite this. I saw personal growth this week with my level of comfort around the children. In weeks past I would check in on my patient and perform any assessments or care. Usually, if I wasn't doing that I wouldn't be playing with the kid, instead, I would just document. This week I felt a lot more comfortable with my patient and was able to spend time playing with her as well. My greatest accomplishment this week is providing assistance to any of my classmates. I felt like I was able to be used in a lot of ways even if I wasn't directly doing the procedure. One technical skill I performed this week was giving a g-tube feed. I had done this one other time but it was nice to practice it again. My communication between the family and the patient was very good today. The mother of the patient felt comfortable telling me about her daughter and what she is normally like outside of the hospital. Additionally, I felt that I communicated well with my classmates and my nurse. One area I would like to learn more about in the future is wound care.

Ephesians 4:29 states, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." This verse remains true when interacting with others at clinical. Especially with classmates it is important to encourage one another when learning new skills.