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This week at clinical I had the youngest patient I have cared for so far. My patient was a 2 year old male who had macrocephaly, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, GERD, and many other medical conditions. I got to do many things during this clinical day that I was not able to the days before. I was able to insert a straight catheter into a patient who was unable to void. I was also able to push GT medications for my patient. It was very cool to see the skills I have learned in the lab and classroom translate to real patients. I have seen a lot of growth in my overall presence in the clinical setting, I am able to perform skills with much more confidence than I would have a year ago and I find myself much more confident in my knowledge. My greatest accomplishment during this clinical day was that I spent more time with my patient, I was able to clean my patient and get him ready for the day as well as give him his morning medications. My technical skills are where I would expect them to be, sometimes I forget small steps, but with guidance I am back on track very quickly. With more practice my confidence with the skills I perform will grow. Again, I did not get to interact with any parents but my communication with staff and classmates is continuing to evolve. As I said last week, I want to improve upon understanding my patient. I always know each of their conditions and how it affects them, but I want to focus more on their medications and why they are on each of them. Having a full understanding of my patient is only going to help me improve the care I give them. **2 Chronicles 15:7** “But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” This verse

was a great reminder throughout the last week, as I had back to back exams and at times it was hard to see an end to everything. But, this verse reminds me that I should be strong and never give up, because all of my hard work will be rewarded.