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This week I had a patient with spina bifida. This greatly affected his musculoskeletal system. He had weakness in his limbs and was unable to bear weight on his lower extremities. My greatest accomplishment this week was giving PO meds to my patient. I had practiced giving G tube meds in the past few weeks but this was my first time this semester doing PO meds again. The greatest challenge I faced was that my patient's mother was able to do a lot of the care. In terms of the patient, this is really great that a parent is able to confidently care for him. Though, in terms of practice it made my involvement with care a little more difficult. The mother was very kind and let me help her with the care but she had already catheterized him which I had hoped to do. One technical skill I performed this week was grabbing vitals for all my nurse's patients. I saw personal growth this week in my confidence to work with other NAs and RNs. I also saw a great improvement in my communication with the patient's mother, my patient, and the nurses. I helped the patient's mother give the patient a bed bath and I felt completely comfortable with her even with a slight language barrier. I also was able to hold a conversation and keep my patient entertained during the bed bath. I felt the most comfortable I have ever been helping and speaking with my nurse and the other nurses that were in the pod. Throughout the peds clinical I saw myself improve in a lot of areas specifically with trach care, catheters, suctioning, and communication skills. In the future, I hope to keep improving my communication skills with fellow students, nurses, and patients.

Luke 6:30 states, "Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back." This verse connects to clinical because we give so much to our patients. We study and practice so that we can help other people in need and we do not ask for anything in return.