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During this week of my clinical experience at Blythedale Children's hospital. I was assigned to my nurse who had a few pediatric patients. I started my morning by introducing myself to the patients and assessing each of their vital signs and they were all normal limits. One patient they assigned my nurse that I helped assess was a 5-month-old male who was diagnosed with trisomy 21 CHF, nonverbal on a nasal cannula. He was 59.6 cm in height, his other diagnosis was feeding difficulty, CHF, and immunization because of trisomy 21 syndrome. Some of the medication this patient was taking was acetaminophen, budesonide 0.5mg which is for Crohn's or inflammatory bowel disease, enalapril maleate 0.4mg treats HBP, tropicamide 1 drop on both eyes, Vitamin A, C, D 1 mL, famotidine 2 mg, furosemide, hydrochlorothiazide 5mg, levothyroxine 37.5mcg, phenylephrine HCl, proparacaine HCl, Tropicamide. The Patient shows no sign of respiratory distress, nor ventilator dependence, and lung sound is clear. GI: the patient has impaired swallow, which patient is on an NG tube, the patient was incontinent, and his abdomen was soft. My greatest challenge was not knowing each medication this patient was prescribed and used for. My greatest accomplishment was the nurse explaining each of the

medications the patient received and understanding them. Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in his image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” God created us to be different and unique and no matter what we consider to be different, we are a gift from God.