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During my clinical experience this week, my patient was a 1 year old male with a brain tumor , synostosis and a history of Sepsis. During my assessment of him, he had a visibly raised firm edge in his head (which was probably the synostosis) and a surgical line in the back of his head (most likely from the surgery for his brain tumor). Other than that, he seemed to meet all developmental milestones since he was walking, talking, interactive and generally a happy baby (until he was receiving his eye drops). The greatest challenge I experienced this week was helping my nurse administer eye drops because he cried so much and it honestly broke my heart; especially since we had to do three different times every 15 minutes.. However, my biggest accomplishment was getting to hold him and comfort him after and successfully providing a bed bath for my patient.

My patient's mother made me reflect on the verse Philippians 4: 6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I don't know whether she believes in God or not, but I pray that she knows she is not alone, God is always there and she can lean on him for support and healing for her child.