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First day at Blythedale Children's Hospital was great overall. I learned that this hospital is dedicated to the diagnosis, care and rehabilitation of children with complex medical and rehabilitative needs. We received a tour on where everything was and what was interesting was that all the pods were different colors, and that there was a school within the hospital too. So my patient that I had was a 3 year old boy and he was in there for respiratory failure, and Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD). In the past he had issues that consisted of cellulitis, DVT, narcotic dependence, ROP, and failure to thrive. He was ventilator dependent, but I read from the report that they are trying to wean him off of it every 6 hours and it seems to be improving. Unfortunately, I was unable to do my vitals or assessment on him because at first he was in school, came back for physical therapy and then occupational therapy right after. I got to witness his physical therapy and I did notice that he was a very active child but the physical therapist was trying to get his legs to position a certain way when crawling, and standing. I was nervous just from observing because he was rolling around and moving fast with that ventilator still connected to him. After all his therapy sessions, he went to sleep and the nurse told me that it isn't the best time to do my assessment because he did not sleep well the night before.

I was able to help my other colleagues in transporting their patients to school, suction their trachea, and replace one child's trach collar and tie. It was definitely a new experience since this was the first time I was able to suction and provide tracheostomy care. What was

interesting for me was that the suction tube for the trach has these markings and the amount you're allowed to go in is based off of this chart that our professor has shown on the wall. I was grateful for the day since we were hands-on with our patients on the first day. One thing I would work on is to not be nervous when working with the children. I have the mindset of worrying about hurting them even more. With practice, I will gain more confidence. There were no bioethical issues since everything was done accordingly, and all patients received the best care possible. The verse I chose for this clinical day was Psalm 27:3, "Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arises against me, yet I will be confident." With confidence, I will be able to provide proper and efficient care with the children at this hospital.