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This week our group were able to care for two patients with different chief complaints. The first patient is a 17 month old male with acute gastroenteritis and had three vomiting episodes prior to admission. Due to only speaking Spanish, we utilized a translator to introduce, gather subjective data and help with assessing their child. After donning PPE, we did a focused assessment on the GI. Bowel sounds were auscultated which revealed to be normoactive in each quadrant. We took note of what foods were being fed to the child by the parents, which were soups and pedialyte. After assessment, we noticed that there was a wet diaper so we took the initiative and weighed the diaper to calculate the output. We communicated with the nurse our findings and allowed the child to sleep with parents. The second assessment was on a 13 year old female who had a diagnosis of mood disorder. This patient had a history of aggressive behavior and suicidal ideation. Our method of treatment reloaded on assessing her mood and making sure her and her family has access to resources for mental health. Our hourly checks consist of checking the frequency of the 17 month old eating and amount of diapers soiled. Utilizing a translator while caring for the patient was a challenge for me as it was difficult to make sure I cover all the bases I wanted to cover before I got off the phone. Greatest accomplishment would be understanding how to calculate output utilizing weighing wet diapers. The scripture for this week would be 1 John 4:19 "We love because he loved us first". This message applies to our second patient who is struggling with mood and mental issues that are causing her to hurt herself and her family. It is important to help foster love within herself through God, which in turn will restore her health emotionally and mentally.