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This week during my clinical rotation, I was working with two different patients. The first patient was a 14-month-old boy, who was diagnosed with dehydration and acute gastroenteritis. The second patient was a 7-month-old girl, who was diagnosed with UTI. The mother of the 7-month-old reported that she had a fussiness, running nose, red eyes with discharge, and decreased appetite. She was an underweight baby. The Doctor requested the mother to pump breastmilk because he believes that the baby's nutrient intake is insufficient. The mother was tried to feed the baby using a bottle but the baby refused. The baby was in contact precaution, and she had a rash around her perineal area. She was in fluid intake and output.

The 14-month-old was in the room with his mother, he was alert and oriented. He had diarrhea, vomiting and he did not eat his food. He was also on contact and fall precaution. He was on IV fluids, Pedialyte with mixed apple juice. I was able to perform technical skills; I took his vital signs, and they were stable. I checked his IV site and there is no redness. During our check, he was eating rice and chicken.

I was able to hold the baby while the mother was pumping her breastmilk. I was able to hold and play with the baby which was my greatest accomplishment. I changed her diaper, but I was having a problem to measure her output. I was having a problem weighting her dirty diaper and it was my greatest challenge, The nursing assistant had showed me how to do it properly. I need to improve on taking fluid intake and output for kids. I was not able to build interpersonal communication skills due to a language barrier, both parents speak Spanish. We had class

activities; I was able to communicate with my classmate and my clinical instructor. My growth for this week was the ability to take vital signs without any complications.

For this week I read, Matthew 28:6 “He is not here, he is risen” ! I chose this verse since it was Easter season, Jesus died on the cross for our sin and risen to save our lives.

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