

Name: Luke Buonanno

Name of Mentor: Steve Haas

Location: Inpatient Rehabilitation Center

Hours of experience obtained: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Mentor's Profession: Physical Therapist

1. I was rather ignored for the first hour, I asked to follow the therapist I was assigned to on her rounds but she told me that she did not want me following her so I returned to the gym. While I was in the gym Steve took me with him during his shift so that I was not alone. He hooked me up to the zero-g machine and showed me its use cases which was really interesting. There was a static mode which statically supports the patient and a dynamic mode which changes as the patient moves. The PT and OT gym are all in one place in the center of the unit and patient get at least 3 hours a day of work to try and get them back out into the world!
2. The team approach is apparent in this unit, everyone works together to help patients get the best outcome without too much management oversight.
3. Homely, positive, humorous. The environment is very cozy and encouraging, patients feel happy and joke around with therapists and vice-versa.