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Mentor: Joe Griffin (but really Tracey)

Location/Unit: LVHN-CC LVPG Neurosciences

Hours of Experience Obtained: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Mentor's Profession: Tracey is an RN

1. I arrived at the unit and was directed to a lobby, where I waited for about 20 minutes. Joe Griffin greeted me and quickly introduced me to Tracey, a registered nurse responsible for administering IVs. During my time there, I observed a full visit and two-part visits from patients with conditions such as MS and ASL. I sat in a chair, witnessing the injection process. Tracey provided me with literature explaining the needs and uses of various drugs, which I thoroughly read. Between observations, I engaged in brief conversations with Tracey, although she was occupied with note-taking and phone calls. As I waited, I closely observed the IV pumps, noting the countdown and gaining insights into the tubing mechanics, such as the part that prevents the liquid from reversing. The room was very quiet in order to help the patient sleep through the time. I saw one lady getting a drug called "Decadron" which was used to combat an unknown auto-immune disease she had. They had her sleeping on a chair and sucking on some candy/various mints. I thought the reasons for this were interesting, they instruct the patient to eat something with strong flavor because the drug creates a taste in the patients mouth even though it is an IV administered drug.
2. There was no team involved in this. I saw no managers interact with Tracey in any way during my time there, she really just worked on her own in her small office administering IVs. It created a quieter environment for the patient to relax in.
3. Quiet, Relaxing, Restorative. I chose these three words because the lights were very low for most of it and the patients I saw were relaxed and calm while sitting and getting their IVs.