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### Touring the Hospital

#### Weekly Report 2/20 to 2/26

This past week, I toured the Baylor Scott & White hospital on my mentor visit. I was incredibly interested to visually see how the pharmacy plays such an integral role throughout the entire hospital. This was the first time in which I truly shadowed what my mentor does and experienced a part of what her day-to-day job is like. During this time, Ms. Tribuzi showed me her job during this time of the year where she does employee evaluations and determining the hiring amounts. I received advice on how to prepare for the hiring process and making sure to apply what experiences I have had to how it can be applicable in a new environment.

While going around the hospital, I noticed how every staff member seemed to know each other which is a perk of working in a small hospital. I learned the basics such as exploring a crash cart, seeing the inside of a hospital room, and seeing catheters being inserted from previous patients in the cath lab. I found it amazing how every drug needs to be double checked by the pharmacy staff before being sent for use to a patient. Depending on the needs of the hospital, there is always something to be working on, whether it is preparing drugs for an emergency or routine medications that need to be distributed to a patient.

A large part of my mentor's job is seeing what drugs are needed and what the hospital does not need to buy as much of. My mentor described one medication that was incredibly

expensive per box but had amazing effects on treating or preventing clots in a patient that qualifies for the administration of this drug. This example sparked my curiosity in medicine and made me want to continue research on the valuability of good drugs if the patient can't even pay for it.

I have realized how much I still need to learn and research in from this experience and teach myself some of the drug endings and how to identify each one. While I still have a lot of growing left to do, I know that the work I have put into my topic this year has enhanced my learning skills and curiosity into my field.