

Name of Professional: Emily Snider (NP)

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

Date of Event: October 25, 2021

Assessment #3 (Interview):

This week I interviewed nurse practitioner Emily Snider from the Scottish Rite hospital for pediatric orthopedics. This interview was long in the works but because of her having to cover for clinics, and me having to leave for a family emergency last week, it took a while to happen. However, I am very grateful that I was finally able to progress with this interview, and that it was a successful one for sure. I was able to receive plenty of insightful information from nurse Snyder, and it overall was a great first research interview experience for this year in ISM.

The first thing we were able to discuss were her typical job duties. Nurse Snider is a nurse practitioner after going through an online nursing program. Although I don't know if nursing is for me, this interview allowed me to realize that there are many rules within medicine besides just being an MD or surgeon. After learning about her job duties I became encouraged to look into different roles within pediatric orthopedics, and even was able to ask her eventually for a couple of contacts in different roles within the hospital.

One thing that connected with me to the interview is nurse Snider's response when I asked why she became so involved in pediatric orthopedics. She told me that she was a patient at Scottish Rite hospital as a child, and the hospital grabbed her heart. I also have been a child at Scottish Rite hospital, and even though that specific

hospital may not be where I pursue my future, I was able to realize that a lot of my childhood experiences could influence my future career location.

Something that I noticed right away in our interview, happened when I asked her favorite part of the job that feels the most rewarding to her, and makes her want to keep working harder. She explained to me how the satisfaction of providing answers to curious parents, not having to work with tragedies involving sick kids, and making an impact on the child and their confidence as a whole, makes her job so worthwhile. This immediately clicked with me because those exact reasons are very similar to my own reasons of why I would get involved into this field. I myself have had many experiences with parents becoming scared regarding their child's health. Being able to comfort and provide an answer for these parents, even if the answer is negative, I will feel satisfied and happy being able to assure them I can help their child in the best way possible.

I discussed many topics with the nurse Snyder but one of the topics that really stuck with me Was her explanation of how she delivers bad news to her patients that she knows they do not want to hear. She She explained to me how important it is to be honest with not only the parent, but the child as well. Sugarcoating the situation only brings bad outcomes in this situation. I think that this is a very important lesson that I needed to learn before further developing my research. She also explain to me how important it is to have a plan of action ready that fits the needs of not only the parent, but the child as well. This idea of having a plan of action ready actually relates to the topic that I researched last year and this course. I understand how important it is to have a plan ready to assure a client or patient that solution is near and very possible. I also learned how those solutions need to match the interests of those

clients and patients. I can definitely see the relation in this aspect between my topic from last year and this year.

Overall my first research interview was very successful, and I was able to gain a lot of valuable information that I honestly was not expecting to receive in my first interview. This information is on that I will continue to apply into my next further steps into my research. Also the professional skills that I had to use through this virtual interview will also be some that I will continue to use and further practice through my next interviews as well. I look forward to continuing down this journey further.