PATIENT ENCOUNTERS

It’s all about reassessment.

**Timeline**

**My 1st 30 Minutes**
- Read Triage Note
- Read Previous ED Visit Note
- Read Internal Medicine Note
- Write Differential Diagnosis
- Write Decision Rules
- Listen to Patient for 60s
- Evaluate the Patient
- Write out Presentation Outline
- Present to Attending

**The Other 2.5 Hours**
- Reassess Treatments
- Reassess Tests
- Reassess Patient
- Write my Notes
- Disposition the Patient

**Approach to Patient Encounters**

1) **Pre-Research**
   Triage Note. Previous ED Note. Internal Medicine Note.

2) **Write out your differential diagnosis and decision tools**

3) **Their Turn: Listen for 60 seconds**
   What does the patient want and expect?

4) **Your Turn: Take a focused history and exam**

5) **Present case to attending**
   Presentations are THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL as a med student
   Breath. Write out your outline. Keep it organized and focused.

6) **REASSESS: Tests sent to lab?**

7) **REASSESS: Treatment effective?**

8) **REASSESS: Any interesting results?**

9) **REASSESS: Is the patient ready to leave?**

10a) **Disposition Home**
   Prove that your patient is ready to go.
   Eating without vomiting? Normal ambulation? Pain resolved?
   Follow up established? PICK ONE

10b) **Disposition Hospital**
   Summarize diagnosis and treatment for attending