Directions for Pediatric Development Assignment

The intent of this assignment is to help you put together a comprehensive picture of your pediatric patient. Hopefully it will help you to assess your patient by looking at them in comparison to the norm for a child at the same developmental level.

You must use the template that is on the website for N83AL. The assignment must be typed in the columns provided- please do not change the form. You do not need to write in complete sentences- bullet point information is preferable. Please read what you have written and correct spelling and grammar before you turn it in. It should be your *best* work.

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* HPI: history of present illness. What lead to this admission? What s/s or event occurred in the last few days?
* PMI: past medical history. Info gathered from the chart, child, family and staff. Has the patient had this before? Any other hospitalizations or surgeries? UTD with immunizations? Infant specific- birth hx, gestational age, days in NICU?
* Play and Growth & Development: Note you are to document *Expected*and *Observed*.

Expected: What would you expect to see/hear in each of these areas from a child in this age group? This info *comes from your text* and will be a reference against which measure your patient data. Be sure to include the specific name and age group for the Piaget/Erickson/ Kohlberg categories. Remember, the Safety Needs in the Expected category are for the average child, not a hospitalized, ill child.

Observed: This information comes from the patient and family. If there are direct statements, please quote them. If the child is not at the designated stage for their age, please give the info for the stage you believe they *are* in (ie. evaluate their development). Physical growth = ht, wt, teeth, language ability, puberty signs, skeletal/motor/muscular ability, developmental milestones, etc.

Page Two:

You must include *at least* 5 medications for your patient. (If they do not have 5 prescribed medications, please add medications that a similar patient might be prescribed for similar conditions). You may include prn medications. This page is pretty self-explanatory. Please be mindful of your explanation of *why* ***this*** *patient is taking the medication*. For example: Do not say that your patient is taking a laxative because he is constipated. You need to tell me why THAT patient was constipated.

Please contact me with any and all questions about this assignment.