Directions: During your first visit to your rotation, ask your preceptor to provide you with a patient case. Research the patient’s history, disease states, and treatment. At a subsequent visit to your rotation, be prepared to discuss the patient (including chief complaint, history of present illness, past medical history, family history, and social history), the disease state (including epidemiology, etiology, pathophysiology), and the treatment. Be sure to include the patient and caregiver as integral parts of your treatment plan. Other questions you may want to address include:

- Has the patient’s lab values changed over the course of their hospital stay? What caused these changes?
- Is the patient on IV fluids? Which ones and what is the infusion rate?
- What medications is the patient taking? Are they being given at the correct dose?
- Do you agree with the patient’s current treatment? Do you have any additional recommendations?

Be prepared to discuss this case with your preceptor. You may take notes for the case discussion below.