SCENARIO 4

You are about to observe some urethroscopy, with a colleague. You are waiting in the corner of the room while the doctors and nurse set everything up.
So, I want you guys to see a couple of these, 3 minimum each if you want me to sign you off.
You and your colleague have not been taking this placement seriously and want to get as many things as possible signed off today since your log book is due in 2 days

Both of you wait in the corner of the room for the patient to come in and the procedure to begin

The doctor leaves

5 minutes pass

The urology nurse approaches you
Who are you two?

We’re medical students attached to urology and we’ve been asked to observe the urethroscopies.
I see, has the doctor given you permission?

Yes
Only one of you can observe at a time, and you can alternate.

That's totally fine.

Why is this?
It’s an intimate procedure

That’s totally fine

But, the doctor said we can stay here
You both can wait here, but only one of you can observe at a time in my opinion.

That’s totally fine, we’ll both wait, then one of us will leave.

The doctor did say.....
Like I said, you should split yourselves up and alternate who watches. We need to respect the patient!

That’s totally fine, we’ll both wait, then one of us will leave.

Ok, sorry. That’s fine.
You and your colleague are thinking about your logbooks and how empty they are.

Each procedure is 10 minutes and there are easily 15 minutes between each procedure; to talk to the patient, clean up and set up for the next person. To watch one each will take up so much of your day and time is running out.

What will you do?

Follow the nurses directions and one of you leave  
Both remain until the doctor returns
Your colleague bites the bullet and leaves first

You remain in the room
So where is your colleague

We decided that as it is an intimate procedure, one of us should stay at a time.

The nurse said only one of us should stay here at a time.
That’s very considerate of you. I already consented the patient for two students and they were fine with that. You can each watch one procedure instead of three.
I see. I understand but I already consented the patient for two students and they agreed. Your colleague can come back in if they want.
Both of you remain

The doctor returns
Say nothing

Is it possible if both of us can stay to observe the procedure?
That’s fine. I have consented the patient for two students and they agreed.
*to everyone in the room*
The patient is aware we have two students

*exhale and relax*
Throughout the procedure, the nurse has an angry look on her face and give both of you evils from across the room.

You and your colleague finish all the work in the logbook.
You and your colleague have to come back to the hospital the day the logbook is due to get some final things signed off

Cutting it very close
END SCENARIO 4

- Now reflect on the situation
- Get your sheet on the Gibbs cycle and reflect on this scenario
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