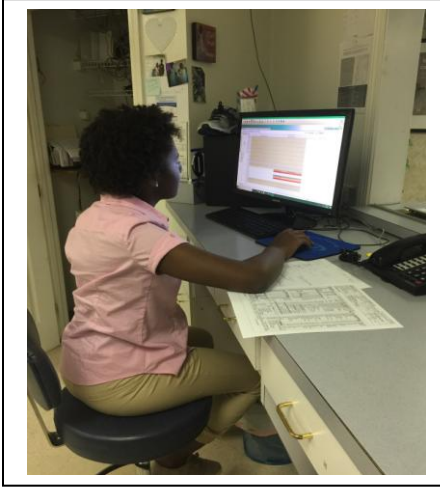


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I carried out my internship experience at different physicians' offices throughout the city. I had three mentors; Dr. Diandra Gordon, Dr. Trachella Johnson-Foy, and Dr. Deborah Price. With Dr. Gordon, I shadowed her as she made rounds to see her patients. She did a lot of diabetic footcare for her patients and she explained to me that diabetic people need special foot care because they get neuropathy, which is nerve damage. This causes them to not be able to feel their feet which could cause an infection if they do not feel themselves get cut. I also made calls to some of her patients, reminding them about their appointments. One day, I shadowed Dr. Gordon as she made rounds at the hospital. During my experience with Dr. Johnson Foy, I

had the opportunity to shadow as she saw patients at her family practice. One of the specific conditions cared for included: a person who got a test result that informed them that they had herpes. Dr Foy took a long time explaining that it was not life threatening or anything that her patient should be afraid for, while she was explaining everything, it taught me how I should treat patients as a Doctor. There was also a person who had a blood pressure issue that caused their blood pressure to drop if they went from a sitting to standing position which would cause them to feel dizzy. While there, I also had the opportunity to shadow Medical Assistants. I also performed small tasks such as printing and making copies when needed. My final rotation was with Dr Price who is a Nephrologist. All of Dr. Price's patients had kidney issues. I learned a lot about different reasons why kidneys fail, as well as ways to prevent and improve kidney diseases. Dr. Price also taught me how to perform a blood pressure check, she showed me around a dialysis center, and she told me how dialysis works.

Being selected as an AnnieRuth Foundation 2018 Summer Internship Program award recipient has assisted me with realizing my goal of becoming a Forensic Medical Examiner/ It afforded me the opportunity to see firsthand what it is like to work in professional medical offices. I have learned so much from this internship; being mentored by such great medical professionals has definitely advanced me ahead of my peers.