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EKTHA PARCHURI

MS3 Student

"...Ektha Parchuri demonstrated exceptional professionalism and compassion that left a lasting impression on both patients and staff... She noticed a Spanish-speaking patient appearing lost and anxious... Ektha immediately stepped in to assist.

She personally escorted the patient to the appropriate location and, sensing the patient's distress, took the time to speak with her, listen to her concerns, and offer reassurance... Ektha stayed with the patient until translation services could be arranged, offering both emotional support and clear communication. She even provided her contact information to ensure the patient felt supported...

Later, when I saw the patient myself, she made it a point to tell me about "the exceptional medical student" who had gone above and beyond to make her feel cared for and less alone. The patient shared that Ektha had offered a hug and comforting words—simple gestures that made a profound difference in her day.

This moment encapsulates the essence of professionalism: stepping up when no one is watching, showing empathy in action, and embodying the humanism that is at the heart of medicine. Ektha's initiative, cultural sensitivity, and deep compassion reflect the qualities of a truly outstanding future physician."

Submitted by a Faculty Member
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