



**Unit Name** 9Lane

**Unit Location** 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Abbie J. Lane Building

**Program** Medicine

## **Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile**

**The purpose of this Profile is to provide Nurses with an overview of each service area.**

<b><u>General Information</u></b>	
<b>Service</b>	Geriatric Assessment Unit – 10 beds Progressive Care – 15 beds
<b>Site</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Abbie J. Lane Building
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	<p>The Geriatric Assessment Unit is located on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Abbie J. Lane Building. The function of the Geriatric Assessment Unit is the assessment and treatment of the frail old person. The unit provides interdisciplinary assessment and treatment for those frail, older adults with complex interacting medical and social issues. The goal of this service is to help people reach their optimal health so they can continue to live safely in the community. Progressive Care is also situated on 9Lane and has 10 beds. The purpose of this multi-disciplinary unit is to assist functionally impaired older persons to achieve maximum independence, to continue living in the community, and to avoid readmissions to hospital. Patients on the Progressive Care Service are usually transferred from Medicine, General Surgery, and Cardiology.</p>

<b>Unit Orientation</b>	Standard hospital orientation; nurse educator will assess the learning needs of the individual and the orientation will reflect this, average orientation is usually 2-3 weeks.
<b>Number of Beds</b>	25 beds + 1 over census bed

### Patient Care

<b>Patient Population</b>	The function of the Geriatric Assessment Unit is the assessment and treatment of the frail old person. The unit provides interdisciplinary assessment and treatment for those frail, older adults with complex interacting medical and social issues. The goal of this service is to help people reach their optimal health so they can continue to live safely in the community.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	65 years of age or older
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: <u>X</u> Modified Total Patient Care: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> _____ Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: _____ Self: <u>X</u> _____
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>3</u> CTA _____ Evenings: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA _____ Nights: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA _____
<b>Service Hours</b>	24 hours a day/7 days a week

<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: _____
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<u><b>Staff</b></u>	
<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u>40</u> % LPN: <u>60</u> % CTA: _____%
<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: _____ Other: _____
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Recreation Therapy, Dietician, Spiritual Care.

<u><b>Required Skills, Qualifications &amp; Experience</b></u>	
<b>RN</b> <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i>	
<b>• Responsibilities</b>	<p>Reporting to the Health Services Manager, the Registered Nurse (RN) utilizes the nursing process, critical thinking, and problem solving skills to provide holistic care to individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations across the life span. He/she is responsible for the overall coordination and direction of nursing care.</p> <p>The RN provides clinical leadership particularly in complex or unpredictable patient/client care settings. The individual has the knowledge, skill, and judgment needed to provide competent, evidenced based nursing practice. He/she is accountable for the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of the plan of care to achieve patient/client outcomes.</p> <p>In addition, the RN is responsible and accountable for his/her nursing practice and conduct as defined by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia and for ensuring that his/her registration is current and valid.</p>
<b>• Skills Required</b>	<p>Experience with the frail elderly population, general medicine, geriatric rehab, and dementia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IV therapy</li> <li>• VAC therapy</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careplan development</li> <li>• Various infusions – blood</li> <li>• Picc lines</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentoring</li> <li>• Preceptor</li> <li>• Leadership</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li> </ul>	Gerontology Certification

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