



Unit Name 3 East

Unit Location Dartmouth General Hospital

Program General Medicine

Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Medicine
Site	Dartmouth General Hospital
Brief description of the Unit	3East receives approximately 85% of their patients from emergency admits. The occupancy rate is 99% and the daily average admits are 4.2. 52% of patients discharged are discharged home without supports and 24% are discharged home with supports. The average length of stay is 9.4 days. The top 3 diagnosis is COPD, Pneumonia and Heart failure.
Unit Orientation	Comprehensive orientation is provided for new staff which includes site specific classroom learning as well as clinical orientation. The length of orientation depends on the learner and position. The orientation program is supported by a clinical nurse educator and preceptor.
Number of Beds	38

Patient Care

Patient Population	COPD, Pneumonia, Diabetes, Congestive Heart Failure, , Cellulitis, Pulmonary embolism, Stroke, Asthma, Cancer, Dementia, Palliative Care
Average Patient Age Range	60-80
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <u>X</u> Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>6</u> LPN <u>4</u> Evenings: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>4</u> Nights: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>2</u>
Service Hours	24 / 7
Length of Shift	8hr <u>X</u> 12hr <u>X</u> Other _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN <u>60</u> % LPN <u>40</u> % + CTA support on days only
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Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: _____ N/A: _____ Other <u> X </u> Family Physician/ Hospitalist <u> X </u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	OT, PT, SW, Home Care, Dietician, RT, pharmacy

Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

RN <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i>	
• Responsibilities	RNs and LPNs practice in a collaborative practice assignment. RN is responsible for the development of the initial plan of care development and revisions inclusive of the discharge plan, technical nursing competencies required, integrating new and persistent medical information into the overall plan of care and coordination of consultative and rehabilitation type services.
• Skills Required	Certification for the following shared competencies is required for RNs: phlebotomy, blood cultures, IV insertion and care, NG insertion, Central Line care, trach care and Vac Dressing. Certifications for the following are required for LPNs: phlebotomy, blood cultures and medication administration.
• Additional Responsibilities	Leadership and collaboration skills required in facilitating multidisciplinary rounds and working on a daily basis with physicians and other health care team members. Teaching skills required in order to provide patient education. Keen assessment skills required due to the community physician component of care. Committee work and unit participation also required for quality improvement.
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	Experience Considered an Asset: Previous experience with the geriatric population would be an asset. Professional maturity, interest and skill in working with patients with multiple care needs and complex discharge needs. Excellent judgment and decision making skills.

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