**Unit Name** 4West

**Unit Location** Dartmouth General Hospital

**Program** Cardiology / Family Medicine / Internal Medicine

**Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile**

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

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## Patient Care

### Patient Population
COPD, Pneumonia, Acute Coronary Syndromes, STEMI and NSTEMI recovery, Atrial fib/flutter, Heart Block, Chest pain NYD, Heart Failure, Diabetes, Stroke, Cancer

### Average Patient Age Range
50-80

### Nursing Model of Care
- Primary Nursing: _____  
- Team Nursing: _____  
- Other: _____  
- Total Patient Care: _____  
- Modified Total Patient Care: _____

**Other:** RN/LPN collaborative practice

## Systems

### Medication System
- Traditional: _____  
- Unit Dosage: _____  
- Other: _____  

**Other:** Pyxis Medication system.

### Scheduling
- **Manager:** _____ (Central Staffing office)  
- **Self:** _____  

**Average Number of Staff per Shift**
- Days:  
  - RN: 5  
  - LPN: 2  
- Evenings:  
  - RN: 5  
  - LPN: 2  
- Nights:  
  - RN: 3  
  - LPN: 1  

**Team Lead RN Monday to Friday Days**

### Service Hours
24/7

### Length of Shift
- 8hr: **X**  
- 12hr: **X**  
- Other: _____

### Other:

## Staff

### Staff Mix
- RN: 70%  
- LPN: 30%  
- CTA: 0%
Physician Coverage

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Multidisciplinary Team Members

Social Work, Dietician, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Recreation Therapist, Pharmacist, Respiratory Therapist, Spiritual Care, Discharge Planning Nurse, Patient Flow Coordinator, Continuing Care Coordinator.

Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

**RN**

*Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.*

- **Responsibilities**

  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 and provides clinical leadership particularly in complex or unpredictable patient/client care settings.

  The RN has the knowledge, skill and judgment needed to provide competent, evidenced based nursing practice and is accountable for the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of the plan of care to achieve patient/client outcomes. This individual supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship. In addition, the RN contributes to the efficient and effective functioning of the unit, coordination of patient care and staffing.

- **Skills Required**

  IV Initiation/maintenance, Central line care/TPN, PICC lines, Venipuncture, VAC Dressings, Cardiac Monitoring, Assessment and critical thinking skills

- **Additional Responsibilities**

  Patient and Family focus, leadership and teamwork, problem-solving skills, committee participation, mentoring, professional development

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**

  Experience Considered An Asset: Cardiac monitoring, telemetry, geriatric care, palliative care, Intermediate Care Course, Physical Assessment Course

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