



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Cardiology/ Family Medicine/ Internal Medicine
Site	Dartmouth General Hospital
Brief description of the Unit	4West is a 26 bed Medicine /Cardiology unit that provides acute care to this in patient population. In addition there is the ability to monitor patients through a 10 unit/beds Cardiac Telemetry System.
Unit Orientation	The Orientation process is determined by the individual nurse's needs. Generally speaking the new graduates would receive ten to twelve 12 hour shifts. Experienced RNs would have their timeframes determined by a needs assessment, done by the Manager, in collaboration with Professional Practice. Additional education is planned in accordance with the nurse's needs for cardiac monitor interpretation as well as advanced assessment skills.
Number of Beds	26

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: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other: Pyxis Medication system.
Scheduling	Manager: <u>X</u> (Central Staffing office) Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>5</u> LPN <u>2</u> Evenings: RN <u>5</u> LPN <u>2</u> Nights: RN <u>3</u> LPN <u>1</u> Team Lead RN Monday to Friday Days
Service Hours	24/7
Length of Shift	8hr <u>X</u> 12hr <u>X</u> other _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN <u>70%</u> LPN <u>30%</u> CTA <u>0</u> %
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Physician Coverage	Resident on Call ___ Family Physician/Hospitalist <u>X</u> Other ___
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 <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibilities 	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	IV Initiation/maintenance, Central line care/TPN, PICC lines, Venipuncture, VAC Dressings, Cardiac Monitoring, Assessment and critical thinking skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	Patient and Family focus, leadership and teamwork, problem-solving skills, committee participation, mentoring, professional development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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