



Unit Name Pain Clinic, Dartmouth General Hospital

Unit Location Dartmouth General Hospital

Program Pain Services

Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service

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

| <u>General Information</u> | |
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| Service | Chronic Pain Management |
| Site | Dartmouth General Hospital |
| Brief description of the Unit | Ambulatory care unit, specializing in the management of chronic pain. |
| Unit Orientation | Experienced RNs would have a two week orientation. |
| Number of Beds | n/a |

Patient Care

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| Patient Population | Multidisciplinary approach to assist patients to manage their chronic pain. Services offered consist of medication management, block procedures & injections, as well as self-management programs. |
| Average Patient Age Range | 18-90 |
| Nursing Model of Care | Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other: |

Systems

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| Medication System | Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Scheduling | Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: _____ |
| Average Number of Staff per Shift | Days: RN <u>1</u> LPN _____ CTA _____ Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ |
| Service Hours | 0800-1600 hours, Monday - Thursday |
| Length of Shift | 8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: _____ Other: _____ Other: |

Staff

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| Staff Mix | RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: _____% CTA: _____% |
| Physician Coverage | On Call: _____ On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: _____ Other: _____ |
| Multidisciplinary Team Members | Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, anesthesiologists, general practitioners |

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsibilities | Overall coordination of care for complex, unpredictable client population. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills Required | Critical thinking, problem solving, interdisciplinary assessments |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional Responsibilities | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional License/Certification/Education required | |

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