**Unit Name** ICU/CCU

**Unit Location** Dartmouth General Hospital

**Program** Intensive Care / Cardiac Care Unit

**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
STEMI, NSTEMI Acute Coronary Syndromes, Post Cardiac Arrests, Arrhythmias, Severe Sepsis, Respiratory Failure due to COPD Exacerbation, Pneumonia, Drug Overdose, Post-op Bowel or other surgeries with complications requiring ongoing ventilation or inotropic support.

## Average Patient Age Range
50-80

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

Other: Team Leads 7 days /week

## Systems

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

Other: Pyxis

### Scheduling
Manager: ___X___ (Central Staffing office)
Self: _____

### Average Number of Staff per Shift
- Days: RN ___4___ LPN ___0___ PSW ___1___
- Evenings: RN ___4___ LPN ___0___ PSW ___1/2___
- Nights: RN ___4___ LPN ____ PSW ____

### Service Hours
24/7

### Length of Shift
- 8hr ___
- 12hr ___X___
- other ____

Other:

## Staff

### Staff Mix
- RN 89% ___11___ LPN ____% PSW ___11___%

### Physician Coverage
- On Call: ___X___
- On Site: ___X___
- N/A: _____
- Other: ____
### Multidisciplinary Team Members

| Social Work, Dietician, Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Respiratory Therapist, Spiritual Care, Patient Flow Coordinator |

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### 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. The RN is responsible for the overall coordination and direction of nursing care. The RN 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. The RN is accountable for the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of the plan of care to achieve patient/client outcomes. The RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship. The RN contributes to the efficient and effective functioning of the unit, coordination of patient care and staffing.

#### Skills Required

Defibrillation, Cardioversion, Care of pt with Temporary Pacing, Hemodynamic Monitoring, Care of ventilated patient, IV Push, Titration of Vasoactive Drips, Central Line Care etc. Strong assessment and critical thinking skills, Patient and Family Centered Approach, ability to problem solve and work well with team and with other departments.

#### Additional Responsibilities

Respond as Medication Nurse for Code Blue. Respond to Quick Response Team Calls with GP and RT to address plan of care for rapidly deteriorating inpatients outside of ICU/CCU. Provide consultation and monitor 10 unit telemetry beds for adjacent unit and notify staff of significant changes.

#### Additional License/Certification/Education required

Experience Considered an Asset: ICU/CCU, ED, Cath lab, Flight Nurse, Supervisory experience, ACLS

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