



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Intensive Care / Cardiac Care Unit
Site	Dartmouth General Hospital
Brief description of the Unit	The DGH ICU/CCU provides Intensive and Intermediate hemodynamic monitoring care for the medical, surgical and cardiac population.
Unit Orientation	The Orientation process is determined by the individual nurse's needs. RNs would have their timeframes determined by a needs assessment, done by the Manager, in collaboration with Professional Practice. Additional education is also planned in accordance with the nurse's needs.
Number of Beds	8

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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Team Leads 7 days /week

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Pyxis
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Central Staffing office) Self: <input type="checkbox"/>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>0</u> PSW <u>1</u> Evenings: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>0</u> PSW <u>1/2</u> Nights: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u> </u> PSW <u> </u>
Service Hours	24/7
Length of Shift	8hr <input type="checkbox"/> 12hr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN 89% <u>11</u> LPN <u> </u> % PSW <u>11</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Social Work, Dietician, Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Respiratory Therapist, Spiritual Care, Patient Flow Coordinator
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<u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u>	
<p>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></p>	
<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. 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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	<p>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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	<p>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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>Experience Considered an Asset: ICU/CCU, ED, Cath lab ,Flight Nurse, Supervisory experience, ACLS</p>

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