



Unit Name Same Day Admission Clinic, Pre & Post Op Surgical Care

Unit Location Dartmouth General Hospital

Program Surgical Services

Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient & Outpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Same Day Admission Clinic, Pre and Post OP Surgical Care
Site	Dartmouth General Hospital
Brief description of the Unit	<p>Pre-op Surgery: is the unit whereby patients arrive the day of their scheduled surgery. In this phase of preoperative care patients are assessed for readiness for surgery and any final testing and monitoring is complete. The aim of preoperative care is to assess and prepare the patient for surgery that will provide for the best outcomes. Providing pre-op comfort and education is paramount to patient care experience.</p> <p>Same Day Admission Clinic: is the unit whereby the nurse and anesthesia review all surgical admissions to ensure patients have all testing required for safe surgical care. This clinic occurs prior to the day of patient admission and therefore if patients have unique clinical needs/ equipment this can be arranged prior to admission. Education is also provided to patients at this time.</p> <p>Post OP Surgery: PACU is the unit whereby postoperative care is provided to patients recovering from anesthesia. The critical care nurses are charged with many vital tasks for the care of post-anesthesia and post-operative patients.</p>

	These essential activities include airway management and oxygen administration, monitoring vital signs, managing post-operative pain treating symptoms of postoperative nausea and vomiting.
Unit Orientation	Orientation requirements are typically 2-3 mons in duration, however, this is dependent on the skill set, education and experience of the nurse.
Number of Beds	9 PACU Bays to support 4/5 Surgical Theatres

Patient Care

Patient Population	Various patients in terms of age and surgical intervention. See description of unit for detailed care that is received.
Average Patient Age Range	16 and inclusive of all adults.
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>10</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA _____ Evenings: RN <u>2</u> LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN <u>2</u> & call LPN _____ CTA _____
Service Hours	0630- 2300 M-F

	0900-1700 Sat-Sun Evening shift 1500 and overnight call daily
Length of Shift	8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: <u> </u> Other: <u> 10 hour </u> Other: some 10 hour day shifts

<u>Staff</u>	
Staff Mix	RN: <u> 90 </u> % LPN: <u> 10 </u> % CTA: <u> </u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X </u> On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Surgeons, Anesthetists, Unit Aide, Nursing staff

<u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u>	
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>In pre-op patients are assessed for readiness for surgery and any final testing and monitoring is complete.</p> <p>In PACU the perianesthesia nurses are charged with many vital tasks for the care of post-anesthesia and post-operative patients. These essential activities include airway management and oxygen administration, monitoring vital signs, managing post-operative pain treating symptoms of postoperative nausea and vomiting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	Cardiac monitoring, Venipuncture for IV insertion and blood collection, Port-a-cath access, strong interpersonal and communication skills, assessment and patient teaching skills; discharge of a patient post general,

	IV conscious sedation; airway management, IV push narcotics, cardioversion, arterial and CVP monitoring, administration of blood products; ability to prioritize and work as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>Critical Care Nursing.</p> <p>IMCU</p> <p>CCN- preferred</p>

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