**Unit Name** Surgical Suite (OR's)

**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.

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## Patient Care

**Patient Population**
Any Patient that requires General Surgery, OMF, Plastics, Orthopedics, Urology, Gynecology or ENT. Most patients have general anesthetic for surgical interventions, but some urology cases are “local” and do not undergo general anesthetic.

**Average Patient Age Range**
Age 16 and adult.

**Nursing Model of Care**
- Primary Nursing: _X___
- Team Nursing: _____
- Other: _____
- Total Patient Care: _____
- Modified Total Patient Care: _____

**Other:**

## Systems

**Medication System**
- Traditional: _X___
- Unit Dosage: _____
- Other: _____

**Other:**

**Scheduling**
- Manager: _X___
- Self: _____

**Average Number of Staff per Shift**
- Days: RN _13-16__ LPN _1-2__ CTA _____
- Evenings: RN _1-2 (if no LPN)__ LPN _1 (second nurse with RN at times)__ CTA _____
- Nights: RN _1-2 (if no LPN)__ LPN _1 (second nurse with RN at times)__ CTA _____

**Service Hours**
- 0745-2300 M-F
- 0900-1700 Sat-Sun
- Evening shift 1500 and overnight call daily

**Length of Shift**
- 8hr: _X___
- 12 hr: _____
- Other: _some 10 hr shifts__

**Other:**

## Staff

**Staff Mix**
- RN: _90___%  LPN: _10___%  CTA: _%_
**Physician Coverage**

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**Multidisciplinary Team Members**

Surgeon, anesthetist, RN, LPN

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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**
  - Provide efficient and effective intraoperative nursing care to patients.
  - Maintain surgical services in accordance with standards.
  - Execute proper use, care and handling of surgical equipment to ensure safety of staff and patient.
  - Maintain current and in-depth knowledge of sterile techniques.
  - Communicate continuously with surgical team to ensure safe, quality care for patients.
  - Assist in ordering, storing and maintaining surgical equipment and supplies.
  - Prepare operating room with surgical equipment, sterile supplies that will be required.

- **Skills Required**
  - Scrubbing and circulating experience
  - Computer charting skills
  - Ability to prioritize
  - Anticipatory skills to promote surgical efficiency
  - Work as member of team

- **Additional Responsibilities**

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**
  - Perioperative Nursing Certificate

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