



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Surgery
Site	Dartmouth General Hospital.
Brief description of the Unit	The Surgical Suite at DGH has 5 OR's. The services provided are General Surgery, OMF, Plastics, Orthopedics, Urology, Gynecology, Urology and ENT.
Unit Orientation	Orientation is typically 3 months in duration; however, this is dependent on the skill set, education and experience of the incoming nurse.
Number of Beds	5 Surgical Theatres

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: <u> X </u> Team Nursing: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u> Total Patient Care: <u> </u> Modified Total Patient Care: <u> </u> Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <u> X </u> Unit Dosage: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u> Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <u> X </u> Self: <u> </u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 13-16 </u> LPN <u> 1-2 </u> CTA <u> </u> Evenings: RN <u> 1-2 (if no LPN) </u> LPN <u> 1 (second nurse with RN at times) </u> CTA <u> </u> Nights: RN <u> 1-2 (if no LPN) </u> LPN <u> 1 (second nurse with RN at times) </u> CTA <u> </u>
Service Hours	0745-2300 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> some 10 hr shifts </u> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u> 90 </u> % LPN: <u> 10 </u> % CTA: <u> </u> %
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Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X </u> On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Surgeon, anesthetist, RN, LPN

Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

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>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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	<p>Scrubbing and circulating experience Computer charting skills Ability to prioritize Anticipatory skills to promote surgical efficiency Work as member of team</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>Perioperrative Nursing Certificate</p>

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