



Unit Name: 3IMCU

Unit Location: 3rd Floor Halifax Infirmary

Program: Medical, Critical Care- Intermediate 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	Medical Surgical Intermediate Care Unit.
Site	Halifax Infirmary Site, 3 rd Floor
Brief description of the Unit	3IMCU is composed of 8 medicine beds, 3 general surgery beds and one flex bed that can be utilized by various services (e.g. neuro, orthopedics, plastics, spinal, surgery etc.)
Unit Orientation	Orientation to the unit can vary depending on the qualifications of those applying. In order to work independently they must complete the IMCU course along with a number of weeks orientating to the unit.
Number of Beds	12

<u>Patient Care</u>	
Patient Population	3IMCU is an acute care unit with a vast patient population. Our patients have complex medical problems and require close monitoring. We care for patients both pre and post-operative. We see various surgery types as well as those recovering from traumas. We care for those weaning off of ventilators as well as

	those requiring acute dialysis.
Average Patient Age Range	45-80 years old (varies 18-100)
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

<u>Systems</u>	
Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>7</u> LPN _____ CTA <u>1</u> Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA <u>1</u> Nights: RN <u>6</u> LPN _____ CTA _____
Service Hours	24/7
Length of Shift	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Other:

<u>Staff</u>	
Staff Mix	RN: _____% LPN: _____% CTA: _____% We are a unit staffed by RN's on a 2:1 (patient to RN) care model. We have a CTA on days/evenings. We also have a unit aide and clerks on daily.
Physician Coverage	On Call: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: _____ Other: _____ Our medicine team consists of an attending physician, usually a senior and junior resident along with an on call relief. Our general surgery team is composed of many residents directed by an attending physician.

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Physicians, residents, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapy, social work, occupational therapy, dietician, spiritual care, continuing care, acute pain services, and various consulting services.
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<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>The Registered Nurse (RN) utilizes the nursing process, critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide care to their patients and families. They complete daily physical assessments, medication reviews, and interpretation of lab data and various other aspects of care. The RN provides clinical leadership and is responsible for overall care and coordination of the patient.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	<p>RN skills require advanced assessment skills and certification in the following competencies: care of central lines, IV therapy, complex IV medications, blood products, cardiac monitoring, arterial lines, VAC dressings, invasive and non-invasive ventilation, CIWA, NG tube insertion, Trach care, peritoneal dialysis, chest tubes, epidurals, nerve blocks, patient controlled analgesia, post-operative care, and more.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	<p>Continued education, professional development, routine review of policies and practices, as well as preceptor students and new nurses.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>Annual updates, annual RN licensing, shared competencies, IMCU course, acute pain service, and BLS certification.</p>

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