



Unit Name Vascular/ General Surgery

Unit Location 4.1 Halifax Infirmary

Program Acute Care- Surgical

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	Vascular / General Surgery
Site	QEII, Halifax Infirmary Site
Brief description of the Unit	Provides acute care (pre and post operative) to Vascular patients from certain areas of NS and all of PEI as well as acute General Surgery patients.
Unit Orientation	Grad Nurse- attends hospital New Grad Transition Program (1 week), 1 day of computer training, 12 shifts on the unit with a preceptor, 1 day with the Clinical Nurse Educator. Experienced staff- would depend on individual skill and experience. The number of shifts with a preceptor would be discussed with new staff member, Educator and Health Services Manager.
Number of Beds	27 floor + 4 IMCU = 31 beds

Patient Care

Patient Population	Mainly post operative vascular surgery patients. Typical surgical procedures would include; peripheral bypass graft, open and endovascular AAA repair, carotid endarterectomy, amputation. As well as acute care of surgical patients (appendectomy, bowel obstructions, trauma). IMCU would care for patients who require increased monitoring.
Average Patient Age Range	16 - 90 years old
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: _____ Self: <u>X</u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>8</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>1</u> Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN <u>7</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA <u>1</u>
Service Hours	24 hours / 7 days / week
Length of Shift	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>70</u> % LPN: <u>20</u> % CTA: <u>10</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: _____ Other: <u>X</u> Typically the vascular resident is in house on call, however when he is post call (or day off) the staff physician is first call from home.
Multidisciplinary Team Members	OT, PT, Social Work, Pharmacy, Dietary, Continuing Care, Clinical Nurse Educator, Respiratory, Rehab assessor, Diabetic Educator.

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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Responsibilities	Registered Nurse is responsible for the overall care and coordination of the patient. Includes but not limited to: continued assessment of patients and documentation, planning and implementing individualized care plans in liaison with other health care team members, patient and family teaching.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Skills Required	Includes but not limited to certification in the following: venipuncture (including blood cultures), IV therapy (initiation and maintenance), direct IV medication administration, nasogastric tube insertion (maintenance and removal), care of a PICC line and central venous catheter (medication administration, blood draw, dressings, and removal), peritoneal dialysis, vac therapy dressings, patient controlled analgesia and continuous nerve block. IMCU would require completion of IMCU course, cardiac monitoring, arterial blood monitoring, and administration of medications that require close observation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional Responsibilities	Ability to adapt to high patient turnover, well developed organizational and prioritizing skills, heavy physical work load, annual review of competencies, continued education, collaboration with other health care team members

	(including students), participation in unit quality projects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional License/Certification/Education required	Current BLS, IMCU course, APS, wound care course (asset).

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