



**Unit Name:** 6.1 Cardiology Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)

**Unit Location:** 6.1 Halifax Infirmary

**Program:** Cardiology

## 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>	
<b>Service</b>	6.1 Cardiology Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)  Cardiology Intermediate Care (IMCU) and Rapid Transfer Beds
<b>Site</b>	6.1 Halifax Infirmary
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	Cardiology Intermediate Care (IMCU) and Rapid Transfer Beds
<b>Unit Orientation</b>	Experienced RN's with Cardiology experience receive 8-12 orientation shifts with an assigned preceptor following an initial education day with the unit educator. New graduate RNs or those new to IMCU complete an Intermediate Care Course within the first 2 months. New Graduates have an extended orientation over the first 3 months.
<b>Number of Beds</b>	14 IMCU beds and 4 Rapid Transfer Beds

### Patient Care

<b>Patient Population</b>	Acute Coronary Syndrome Patients- NST Elevation MI's and Unstable Angina; Cardiac Arrhythmias, Congestive Heart Failure, Cardiomyopathies, and Endocarditis with hemodynamic stability; Pre and Post Heart Transplant Patients. Patients from Atlantic Canada requiring tertiary cardiac care.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	40 - 80
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: <u>X</u> Modified Total Patient Care: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: _____  Unit Dose with Ward Stock
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: _____ Self: <u>X</u>
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u>7</u> Nights: RN <u>6/5</u>
<b>Service Hours</b>	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u>100</u> % with Patient Aide support staff
<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: _____ N/A: _____ Other: Closed unit with Cardiologist Admitting privileges - Senior Cardiology Resident coverage
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Respiratory therapist, pharmacist and physiotherapist assigned to unit. Social Work, Spiritual Care, Occupational Therapist, Dietician and other medical

	services available on consult
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<b><u>Required Skills, Qualifications &amp; Experience</u></b>	
<b>RN</b> <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"> <li><b>Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>The RN provides clinical leadership particularly in complex or unpredictable patient/client care settings and is accountable for the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of the plan of care to achieve or optimize patient/client outcomes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Skills Required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Advanced assessment, critical thinking and decision making skills, strong interpersonal and communication skills, as well as organizational and teaching skills.</p> <p>Certification for care of patients requiring defibrillation and cardio version, temporary or permanent cardiac pacing, central venous access devices and arterial lines. Knowledge of ACLS protocols and IV push medications.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>The RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship.</p> <p>The RN is expected to take on the Charge role.</p> <p>Participation on committees such as the Unit based Professional Practice Committee that support continuous quality activities.</p> <p>The RN accepts responsibility for maintaining and continually enhancing competencies through ongoing professional development including participation in education programs and research.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li> </ul>	<p>ACLS Certification an asset</p>

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