



Unit Name 6.2 General Cardiology

Unit Location Halifax Infirmary

Program Heart Health

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	6.2 - Cardiology
Site	Halifax Infirmary Site, QEII Health Sciences Centre.
Brief description of the Unit	6.2 is a general cardiology nursing unit. It has 16 telemetry beds. Patients are received in transfer from the inpatient Coronary Care Unit, Intermediate Step Down Unit and ER. Provides tertiary care for PEI and Nova Scotia as well.
Unit Orientation	<p>New Nursing Graduate Orientation: One eight hour day of general hospital orientation followed by four eight hour days where new graduates complete the Graduate Nurse Transition Program. This is provided by Professional Practice. The Graduate Nurse then has ten 12 hours shifts paired with a preceptor. In addition, there is an 8 hour education day with our Clinical Nurse Educator to orientate staff to the unit and an 8 hour computer training day. The computer day consists of orienting staff to the computer programs used at the NSHA.</p> <p>Experienced Orientation: Based on individuals experience. On average eight shifts would be provided. This could be less or more based on experience. If the experienced nurse is external he/she would attend the hospital orientation as well as computer training.</p> <p>All staff would be required to complete the cardiac rhythm course following orientation for the care of the patient on telemetry</p>

Number of Beds	37
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Patient Care

Patient Population	<p>Care of patient pre and post cardiac catheterization/PCI</p> <p>Care of patient pre and post EPS/Ablation</p> <p>Care of Patient pre and post cardiac transplant</p> <p>Care of patient in heart failure</p> <p>Care of patient pre and post permanent pacemaker/device insertion</p> <p>Care of patient with unstable and stable angina</p> <p>Care of patients following NSTEMI/STEMI</p> <p>Care of patient with various arrhythmias</p> <p>Care of patients awaiting open heart surgery</p>
Average Patient Age Range	Approximately 45-70 years of age
Nursing Model of Care	<p>Primary Nursing: ____ Team Nursing: ____ Other: ____ Total Patient Care: ____</p> <p>Modified Total Patient Care: <u> X </u></p> <p>Other:</p>

Systems

Medication System	<p>Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: ____</p> <p>Other:</p>
Scheduling	<p>Manager: ____ Self: <u> X </u></p>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	<p>Days: RN <u> 8 </u> Weekdays, 7 Weekends LPN ____ CTA <u> 1 </u></p> <p>Evenings: RN ____ LPN ____ CTA <u> 1 </u> on weekends</p> <p>Nights: RN <u> 6 </u> Weekdays, 5 weekends LPN ____ CTA ____</p>

Service Hours	24 hours, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Other:

<u>Staff</u>	
Staff Mix	RN: <u>95</u> % LPN: _____% CTA: <u>5</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: <u>x</u> N/A: _____ Other: <u>Cardiologist (staff) present on days. Residents on site overnight.</u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Pharmacy, Social Work, Cardiologists, Clinical Associates, Nurse Practitioners, Home Care, Patient Flow Coordinator, Ward Clerks, Ward Aides, CTA, RNs, Clinical Nurse Educator, OT, Heart Function Team, Medical Residents, Nursing Students, NP students

<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>	
• Responsibilities	<p>Coordinate and direct care for the patients on 6.2.</p> <p>Provide clinical leadership in a complex and sometimes unpredictable environment.</p> <p>Develop, implement and evaluate the patients plan of care on a continual basis</p> <p>Practice in accordance with the Canadian Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses, the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia Standards of Nursing Practice</p>
• Skills Required	<p>Initiation and maintenance of intravenous</p> <p>IV push medications</p> <p>Maintenance of central lines and PICC lines</p>

	<p>Venipuncture</p> <p>Telemetry (training provided for this following orientation)</p> <p>Heparin Drip</p> <p>Assessment and treatment of Chest Pain</p> <p>Radial Artery Compression</p> <p>Care of a Patient following a trans-radial or trans-femoral cardiac catheterization/PCI</p> <p>Knowledge of basic cardiac rhythm</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	<p>Ability to function in fast pace environment</p> <p>Central Zone has a high affiliation with Dalhousie University and students from various disciplines are often on the unit. RNs will be expected to precept and orient new staff.</p> <p>May be expected to take on the Charge Nurse Role</p> <p>Participation in committees that support that unit (ie Professional Practice) will be expected.</p> <p>Critical Thinking</p> <p>Strong interpersonal communication and decision making skills</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	

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