**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.

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**Patient Care**

| **Patient Population** | Care of patient pre and post cardiac catheterization/PCI  
Care of patient pre and post EPS/Ablation  
Care of Patient pre and post cardiac transplant  
Care of patient in heart failure  
Care of patient pre and post permanent pacemaker/device insertion  
Care of patient with unstable and stable angina  
Care of patients following NSTEMI/STEMI  
Care of patient with various arrhythmias  
Care of patients awaiting open heart surgery |
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<td><strong>Average Patient Age Range</strong></td>
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| **Nursing Model of Care** | Primary Nursing: _____  
Team Nursing: _____  
Other: _____  
Total Patient Care: _____  
Modified Total Patient Care: ____X  
Other: |

**Systems**

| **Medication System** | Traditional: _____  
Unit Dosage: ____X  
Other: _____ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| **Scheduling** | Manager: _____  
Self: ____X |
| **Average Number of Staff per Shift** | Days: RN 8 Weekdays, 7 Weekends  
LPN  CTAS 1  
Evenings: RN  LPN  CTA 1 on weekends  
Nights: RN 6 Weekdays, 5 weekends  
LPN  CTA |

| **Other:** | |
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Service Hours
24 hours, 7 days a week

Length of Shift
8hr: ____ 12 hr: ___ X __  Other: ____
Other:

Staff

Staff Mix
RN: 95 %  LPN: ___%  CTA: 5 %

Physician Coverage
On Call: ____  On Site: ___ x ____  N/A: ____  Other: Cardiologist (staff) present on days. Residents on site overnight.

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

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.

- **Responsibilities**
  Coordinate and direct care for the patients on 6.2.
  Provide clinical leadership in a complex and sometimes unpredictable environment.
  Develop, implement and evaluate the patients plan of care on a continual basis
  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

- **Skills Required**
  Initiation and maintenance of intravenous
  IV push medications
  Maintenance of central lines and PICC lines
Venipuncture
Telemetry (training provided for this following orientation)
Heparin Drip
Assessment and treatment of Chest Pain
Radial Artery Compression
Care of a Patient following a trans-radial or trans-femoral cardiac catheterization/PCI
Knowledge of basic cardiac rhythm

- **Additional Responsibilities**
  
  Ability to function in fast pace environment

  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.

  May be expected to take on the Charge Nurse Role

  Participation in committees that support that unit (ie Professional Practice) will be expected.

  Critical Thinking

  Strong interpersonal communication and decision making skills

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**

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