

**Halifax Infirmary - 7.2 - Orthopedics
Capital Health Inpatient Service Profile**

(The purpose of this Profile is to provide Nurses with an overview of each service area.)

Service: Orthopaedics

Site: HI **Unit:** 7.2

Number of Beds: 28 + 4 IMCU beds

Patient Care

Patient Population:

Floor: Inpatient Ortho patients, mainly post-operative, admitted for elective procedures as well as traumatic injuries through the Emergency department. Patient procedures include hip and knee arthroplasty, spinal surgeries, upper and lower limb surgeries, cancer surgeries and surgeries for sports related injuries.

IMCU: Patients as above, especially those experiencing post-op cardiac and/or respiratory complications, compartment syndrome and extensive traumatic injuries.

Average Patient Age Range: 18-90

Skills Required: Certification for the following shared competencies is required: venipuncture, IV initiation, blood culture, NG tube insertion, care of PICC lines, PCAs, pts with nerve blocks, and VAC therapy. IMCU: Cardiac and arterial blood monitoring.

Additional Responsibilities: Collaboration with physicians and other health care team members.

Experience Considered an Asset: Previous Orthopaedic, surgical and medical experience an asset.

Systems

Medication System: Unit Dose x

Nursing Model of Care: Modified Total Patient Care x

Staff Mix: RN 70% LPN 30%

Average Number of Staff per shift:

Days:	RN <u> 7 </u> LPN <u> 3 </u>
Evenings:	RN <u> 7 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u>
Nights:	RN <u> 6 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u>

Length of Shift: 12hr x

Scheduling: Self Scheduling x

Physician Coverage: Resident and Staff Physician on Call x

Other Multidisciplinary Services: PT, OT, SW, Home Care, Pharmacy, Spiritual Care, Dietary

