Halifax Infirmary - 7.4 - 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: Halifax Infirmary Unit: 7.4

Number of Beds: 25

Patient Care

Patient Population: Total joint arthroplasty, traumas, OA, RA, Spinal, upper and lower extremities, cancer, sport related injuries, frail elderly and dementia patients.

Average Patient Age Range: 18-90 yrs.

Skills Required: Certification for the following competencies required: venipuncture, I/V, blood cultures, PICC, PCA, nerve blocks, vabs, NG tube insertion, Body mechanics.

Additional Responsibilities: Strong collaboration skills with physicians and other health care providers. At times, physical workload requires frequent lifting and turning.

Experience Considered an Asset: Previous orthopaedics and medical experience an asset. The ability to provide leadership in complex and unpredictable patient care settings.

Systems

Medication System: Traditional ____ Unit Dose ____ other _____________

Nursing Model of Care: Primary Nursing ____ Team Nursing ____ Other ____
     Total Patient Care ____ Modified Total Patient Care ____

Staff Mix: RN 70% LPN 30% PSW N/A

Average Number of Staff per shift:
           Days: RN 5 LPN 2 PSW 0
      Evenings: RN 5/4 LPN 2/1 PSW 0
       Nights: RN 4 LPN 1 PSW 0

Length of Shift: 8hr ____ 12hr x ____ Other____

Scheduling: Manager ____ Self x

Physician Coverage: Resident on Call x Family Physician/Hospitalist ____
     Other ___Staff man___

Other Multidisciplinary Services: PT, OT, SW, HomeCare, Dietician, Spiritual Care.