

**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, vacs, 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 x other _____

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

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

Average Number of Staff per shift:

Days:	RN	<u> 5 </u>	LPN	<u> 2 </u>	PSW	<u> 0 </u>
Evenings:	RN	<u> 5/4 </u>	LPN	<u> 2/1 </u>	PSW	<u> 0 </u>
Nights:	RN	<u> 4 </u>	LPN	<u> 1 </u>	PSW	<u> 0 </u>

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.