**Unit Name** 8.3 Orthopaedics

**Unit Location** Halifax Infirmary

**Program** Orthopaedics/Medicine

**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
Total joint arthroplasty, traumas, OA, RA, Spinal, upper and lower extremities, cancer, sport related injuries, frail elderly and dementia pts.

Medicine patients from Medical Teaching Unit

#### Average Patient Age Range
18-90

#### Nursing Model of Care
Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____
Modified Total Patient Care: __X__

**Other:** Nursing team consists of RN, LPN and CTA

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### Systems

#### Medication System
Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: __X__ Other: __X__

**Other:** Pyxis is used during nights when the Pharmacy is closed.

#### Scheduling
Manager: _____ Self: __X__

#### Average Number of Staff per Shift
Days: RN 6 ___ LPN 2 ___ CTA 1 ___
Evenings: RN n/a ___ LPN n/a ___ CTA n/a ___
Nights: RN 4 ___ LPN 2 ___ CTA 0 ___

#### Service Hours
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

#### Length of Shift
8hr: _____ 12 hr: __X__ Other: _____

**Other:**

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### Staff

#### Staff Mix
RN: 65% ___ LPN: 25% ___ CTA: 10% ___

#### Physician Coverage
On Call: __X__ On Site: _____ N/A: _____ Other: _____
## Multidisciplinary Team Members

| PT, OT, SW, Continuing Care Coordinator, Dietician, Spiritual Care, Orthotechnician, Pharmacy |

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## 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 | Direct patient care. Responsible for overseeing plan of care for all patients. Responsible for acute care with sometimes unstable and unpredictable patient caseload |
| • Skills Required | Certification for the following competencies required, venipuncture, I/V, blood cultures, PICC, PCA, nerve blocks, NG tube insertion, body mechanics, VAC therapy, IVAD, CVAD occlusion. |
| • Additional Responsibilities | Strong collaboration skills with physicians and other health care providers. At times physical workload requires frequent lifting and turning. |

| • Additional License/Certification/Education required | Previous orthopaedics and medical experience an asset. The ability to provide leadership in complex and unpredictable pt. care settings. |

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