



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Orthopaedics / Medicine
Site	Halifax Infirmary, Unit 8.3
Brief description of the Unit	Orthopaedics/Medicine
Unit Orientation	<p>All nurses require orientation with Clinical Nurse Educator.</p> <p>New grads would require approximately 12-16 preceptored shifts on the unit. Experience nurses' orientation would vary depending on experience level.</p> <p>All new nurse hires would require 3 days nursing skills / interdisciplinary training and 1 full day of computer skills training.</p>
Number of Beds	28 beds

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: <u> X </u> Other: Nursing team consists of RN, LPN and CTA

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: <u> X </u> Other: Pyxis is used during nights when the Pharmacy is closed.
Scheduling	Manager: _____ Self: <u> X </u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 6 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u> CTA <u> 1 </u> Evenings: RN <u> n/a </u> LPN <u> n/a </u> CTA <u> n/a </u> Nights: RN <u> 4 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u>
Service Hours	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u> 65 </u> % LPN: <u> 25 </u> % CTA: <u> 10 </u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X </u> On Site: _____ N/A: _____ Other: _____

Multidisciplinary Team Members	PT, OT, SW, Continuing Care Coordinator, Dietician, Spiritual Care, Ortho technician, Pharmacy
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<u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u>	
RN <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Responsibilities 	Direct patient care. Responsible for overseeing plan of care for all patients. Responsible for acute care with sometimes unstable and unpredictable patient caseload
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional Responsibilities 	Strong collaboration skills with physicians and other health care providers. At times physical workload requires frequent lifting and turning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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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