



Unit Name Hospitalist Medicine Unit

Unit Location 8.4 Halifax Infirmary

Program 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	Hospitalist Medicine Unit (HMU)
Site	Halifax Infirmary 8.4
Brief description of the Unit	Medicine
Unit Orientation	Grad Nurses receive 37.5 hrs classroom orientation (NGT program) plus 14 - 12hr orientation shifts with a preceptor. New employees receive 37.5 hrs classroom orientation and 7—12 hr shifts with a preceptor.
Number of Beds	36 beds

Patient Care

Patient Population	COPD, CHF, CF, Dementia, Functional Decline, Diabetes, Infectious diseases, Cancer, Palliative care, Pneumonia
Average Patient Age Range	70-90 years (varies from 18 – 100)
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: ____ Team Nursing: ____ Other: ____ Total Patient Care: <u>X</u> Modified Total Patient Care: ____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: ____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <u>X</u> Self: ____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>5</u> LPN <u>4</u> CTA <u>2</u> Evenings: RN <u>-</u> LPN <u>-</u> CTA <u>1</u> Nights: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>3</u> CTA <u>0</u>
Service Hours	24/7
Length of Shift	8hr: ____ 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: ____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>45</u> % LPN: <u>35</u> % CTA: <u>20</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: ____ Other: ____
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Unit Clerk, Unit aid, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Continuing Care, Spiritual Care, Pharmacy, Dietitian, Nurse Educator, Health Services Manager, Family Practice Leader

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**

The Registered Nurse (RN) utilizes the nursing process, critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide care to their patients. The RN is responsible for the overall coordination of the nursing plan of care. The RN provides clinical leadership particularly in complex or unpredictable patient/client care settings. The RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship.

The RN accepts responsibility for maintaining and continually enhancing competencies through ongoing professional development including participation in education programs, research and continuous quality activities. The RN practices according to the Canadian Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses, the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia Standards of Nursing Practice, specialty standards as applicable and the policies and procedures of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The RN is responsible and accountable for his/her nursing practice and conduct as defined by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia and for ensuring that his/her registration is current and valid. [Click here to enter text.](#)

- **Skills Required**

Certification for the following shared competencies is required: blood cultures, IV therapy, blood collection, NG tube insertion/removal, Port-a-Cath care, trach care, ostomy care, chest tubes, heparin drip

- **Additional Responsibilities**

Committee work, computer skills heavy physical workload, strong collaboration skills, physical and mental assessments

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**

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