



Unit Name Acute Pain Service

Unit Location Halifax Infirmary

Program Pain Services

Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service

The purpose of this Profile is to provide Nurses with an overview of each service area.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Acute Pain Management
Site	QE II Health Sciences Centre
Brief description of the Unit	Inpatient consultation service, specializing in the management of complex acute pain management.
Unit Orientation	Experienced RNs would have a 3-4 week orientation.
Number of Beds	n/a

Patient Care

Patient Population	Mainly patients from postoperative care setting, those having more complex surgical procedures. Services offered consist of medication management, regional block procedures, epidural analgesia and patient controlled analgesia. .
Average Patient Age Range	16-90
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>2</u> LPN _____ CTA _____ Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____
Service Hours	0800-1600 hours, Monday - Friday
Length of Shift	8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: _____ Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: _____% CTA: _____%
Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: _____ Other: _____
Multidisciplinary Team Members	RN, anesthesiologists

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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	Overall coordination of care for complex, unpredictable client population.
• Skills Required	Critical thinking, problem solving, comprehensive pain assessments, delegated medical functions
• Additional Responsibilities	
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	

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