



Unit Name Cardiology Clinic: Emergency, Urgent Referral & Early Discharge

Unit Location 3rd Floor, Halifax Infirmary

Program Heart Health

Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Cardiology Clinic
Site	3 rd floor, Halifax Infirmary
Brief description of the Unit	General cardiology population assessments, new (Emergency referrals, GP referrals) and return follow-ups as prescribed by cardiologists. RN 8-10 patients per day, physician assessment, teaching, medication management
Unit Orientation	Length of orientation time can vary depending on employee.
Number of Beds	12 Clinic Rooms

Patient Care

Patient Population	All patients with known and unknown cardiac disease; may require further investigation to confirm disease. ACS, STEMI, NSTEMI All Atlantic Provinces
Average Patient Age Range	25– 80 years of age
Nursing Model of Care	Other: N/A

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____ Other: N/A
Scheduling	Manager: _____ Self: _____ N/A
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN _____ 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: <u>0</u> % CTA: <u>0</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: _____ Other: _____

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Physician, ECG technologist, Booking clerks, Ward Aide, Dietician, Research Coordinators, Echocardiography Sonographers Members include: Cardiac Rehabilitation Team
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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 	<p>Responsible for the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care.</p> <p>Strong emphasis placed on patient education through individual and group sessions both in the ambulatory setting and the community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Required 	<p>The Registered Nurse (RN) must have excellent understanding of cardiology. The Registered Nurse utilizes the nursing process, advanced critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide holistic care to individuals, families, groups, communities and populations across the life span. The RN is responsible for the overall coordination and direction of nursing care. The RN provides clinical leadership particularly in identifying patients at high risk for cardiac event. The RN has the knowledge, skill and judgment needed to provide competent, evidenced based nursing practice. The RN is accountable for the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of the plan of care to achieve patient/client outcomes. The RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship. The RN contributes to the efficient and effective functioning of the clinic, coordination of non invasive tests required for patients.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities 	<p>Strong collaboration with physicians and other health care disciplines.</p> <p>Coordination of appointments, diagnostics and assessments are key responsibilities for the RN in this ambulatory setting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>Having previous experience with cardiovascular patients; must understand cardiac risk factors.</p>

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