



**Unit Name** Orthopaedic Assessment Clinic

**Unit Location** QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax Infirmary, 4<sup>th</sup> floor

**Program** Ambulatory Care Services

## 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>           |   |
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| <b>Service</b>                       | Orthopaedic Assessment Clinic   |
| <b>Site</b>                          | QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax Infirmary, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor   |
| <b>Brief description of the Unit</b> | Outpatient clinic that receives surgery referrals. Provides pre-operative and post-operative assessment for total joint replacement surgeries (hip/knee). Provides pre/post-operative education.                                      |
| <b>Unit Orientation</b>              | Unit orientation includes working with current staff for approximately 1 week, then working independently.<br><br>Orientation also includes self-directed learning such as reading the policies and procedures related to the clinic. |
| <b>Number of Beds</b>                | N/A   |

### Patient Care

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| <b>Patient Population</b>        | Patient population includes pre/post-operative patients for total joint replacement (hip, knee).  |
| <b>Average Patient Age Range</b> | 16 and older  |
| <b>Nursing Model of Care</b>     | Primary Nursing: ____ Team Nursing: ____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: ____<br>Modified Total Patient Care: ____<br><br><b>Other:</b> Only 2 RNs in clinic |

### Systems

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| <b>Medication System</b>                 | Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: ____ Other: ____<br><br><b>Other:</b>   |
| <b>Scheduling</b>                        | Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: ____  |
| <b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b> | Days: RN <u>2</u> LPN ____ CTA ____<br>Evenings: RN ____ LPN ____ CTA ____<br>Nights: RN ____ LPN ____ CTA ____      |
| <b>Service Hours</b>                     | Monday – Friday 0800-1600 (start and end time can vary to meet clinic needs)   |
| <b>Length of Shift</b>                   | 8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: ____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><br><b>Other:</b> |

### Staff

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| <b>Staff Mix</b>          | RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: ____ % CTA: ____ %   |
| <b>Physician Coverage</b> | On Call: ____ On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: ____ Other: ____ |

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| <b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b> | PT |
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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.*

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| <b>• Responsibilities</b>                                    | Assist during clinic visits. Triage surgery referrals.   |
| <b>• Skills Required</b>                                     | Highly organized to maintain flow through large patient volumes. Solid critical thinking and problem solving skills. Certification in orthopaedic nursing.                                 |
| <b>• Additional Responsibilities</b>                         | Strong collaboration with Physicians and other health care members.  |
| <b>• Additional License/Certification/Education required</b> | Previous orthopaedic and ambulatory care experience an asset. Strong teamwork and the ability to work independently, previous experience teaching an adult population considered an asset. |

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