



**Unit Name** Orthopaedics 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.**

<b><u>General Information</u></b>	
<b>Service</b>	Orthopaedics 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 and triages emergency referrals. Provides post-operative assessment and treatment of complex orthopaedic conditions. Hardware and pin site removal. Application/adjustment/removal of casts and braces.
<b>Unit Orientation</b>	Unit orientation includes working with current staff for approximately 2 weeks, then working independently.  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

<b>Patient Population</b>	Patient population includes post-operative patients, including total joint replacement (hip, knee and shoulder), fractures, spinal surgeries, sports related injuries, soft tissue injuries and post operative tumour surgeries.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	16 and older
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: <u>X</u> Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____  <b>Other:</b> 2 RNs in clinic (charge nurse, clinic nurse)

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: <u>X</u>  <b>Other:</b> Administration of narcotics, sedatives and analgesics as ordered by physician.
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: <u>X</u> Self: _____
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA _____ Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____
<b>Service Hours</b>	Monday – Friday 0700-1700 (start and end time can vary to meet clinic needs)
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: _____ Other: <u>X</u>  <b>Other:</b> 10 hr shifts

### Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u>80</u> % LPN: <u>20</u> % CTA: _____%
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<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: _____ On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: _____ Other: _____
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Ortho Technicians, Unit aides, PT/OT, Research

**Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience**

<b>RN</b> <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i>	
<b>• Responsibilities</b>	Assist during clinic visits. Triage emergency referrals. Assist during minor procedures (tumour removals, injections). Daily use of various software programs including HPF, IMPAX, WEB 1000 and STAR.
<b>• Skills Required</b>	Highly organized to maintain flow through large patient volumes. Solid critical thinking and problem solving skills. Certification in orthopaedic nursing, VAC therapy and venipuncture. Knowledge related to assisting with minor procedures. Requires constant standing and walking, and the ability to lift and transfer patients from wheelchair to stretcher.
<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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