



Unit Name Halifax Infirmary Rapid Assessment Unit

Unit Location Level 300 Halifax Infirmary

Program –Emergency Service

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	Rapid Assessment Unit for Emergency Consult Services
Site	Halifax Infirmary Site
Brief description of the Unit	Direct support to and branch of the Emergency Department. Stable emergency patients who have been consulted to specialty services who require admission, intervention or further follow up. Direct referral for stable emergent/urgent patients within and outside the district accepted by specialty services and do not require Emergency Department Physician care.
Unit Orientation	2 yrs post graduation Med/Surg/IMCU nursing experience. Emergency Nursing program or Emergency experience an asset only. 2-3 weeks of orientation to RAU
Number of Beds	8 beds

Patient Care

Patient Population	Referral centre for the Province. All specialty service stable adult patients, who require emergent/urgent specialty service assessment.
Average Patient Age Range	>16 yrs - < 100
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: <input type="checkbox"/>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA <u>0</u> Evenings: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA <u>0</u> Nights: RN <u>0</u> LPN <u>0</u> CTA <u>0</u>
Service Hours	16 hrs mon-Friday (0800-2400hrs), 12hrs sat-sun (0900-2100)
Length of Shift	8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: <u>0</u> % CTA: <u>0</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Department Critical Care Paramedics (CCP) Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) Pharmacy Tech

	Ward aide/patient attendant
<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>	
• Responsibilities	RN's work within their full scope of practice
• Skills Required	Certification in shared competencies, blood sampling, intravenous, blood cultures, blood gases, NG tube insertion, BLS, defib, monitor interpretation, IV's, wound care, casting care, assist with minor procedures
• Additional Responsibilities	Computer literacy for multiple programs to provide care for the patient; maneuver equipment, full physical workload with direct patient care.
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	ACLS (asset), IMCU training, CTAS BLS

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