Unit Name  Perioperative Services (Same Day Pre/Post Op, Intra Op and PACU)

Unit Location  Hants Community Hospital.

Program  Perioperative

Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service Profile

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

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## Unit Orientation
Orientation is specific to the needs of the new staff. RN with experience will receive 1-2 weeks of orientation with a mentor. Nurses with limited experience may require an extended orientation.

## Number of Beds
- Pre-op Surgery – 4 beds
- PACU – 1 bed
- Supports 1 OR theater

## Patient Care

### Patient Population
Various ages (>16) and surgical interventions. (i.e. patients requiring surgery including General Surgery, OMF, and Orthopedics)
ASA I or II only.

### Average Patient Age Range

### Nursing Model of Care
Primary Nursing: ____ Team Nursing: ____ Other: ____
Total Patient Care: ____
Modified Total Patient Care: ____
Other:

## Systems

### Medication System
Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: ____ Other: ____
Other:

### Scheduling
Manager: ____ Self: ____

### Average Number of Staff per Shift
Pre and Post op – 2 RN; Intra-op – 3 RN; PACU – 1 RN

### Service Hours
Monday to Friday 0700 to 1700.

### Length of Shift
8hr: ____ 12 hr: ____ Other: ____
Other:
Staff

**Staff Mix**
RN: 100%

**Physician Coverage**
On Call: ____
On Site: ___ X ___
N/A: _____
Other: _____

**Multidisciplinary Team Members**
Surgeons, Anesthetists, Ward Clerk, Nursing staff

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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**
The Registered Nurse (RN) utilizes the nursing process, critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide holistic care to individuals and families during their surgical procedure.
The RN provides clinical care in a complex setting.
The RN has the knowledge, skill and judgment needed to provide competent, evidenced based nursing practice.
The RN supports the development of students and colleagues through acting as a preceptor and providing ongoing mentorship.
The RN accepts responsibility for maintaining and continually enhancing competencies through ongoing professional development including participation in education programs, research and continuous quality activities. The RN practices according to the Canadian Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses, the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia Standards of Nursing Practice, National Nursing standards (ANSPN and ORNAC) and the policies and procedures of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The RN is responsible and accountable for his/her nursing practice and conduct as defined by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia.

**• Skills Required**

- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills
- Strong physical assessment skills
- Strong aseptic technique and operating room knowledge
- Shared Competencies (i.e. phlebotomy, IV initiation and care,
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<td>Delegated medical functions (i.e. IV push, extubation, protocols for different patient populations)</td>
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