



**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.**

<u><b>General Information</b></u>	
<b>Service</b>	Perioperative Services (Same Day Pre/Post Op, Intra Op and PACU)
<b>Site</b>	Hants Community Hospital
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	<p>Pre-op Surgery: is the area patients arrive the day of their scheduled surgery. In this phase of preoperative care patients are assessed for readiness for surgery and any final testing and monitoring is complete. The aim of preoperative care is to assess and prepare the patient for surgery that will provide for the best outcomes. Providing pre-op comfort and education is paramount to patient care experience.</p> <p>Intra-op – is the OR theater; in this area the patients receive their surgical intervention. Scrub and Circulating nurse are responsible for safe surgical care.</p> <p>Post OP Surgery: PACU is the area postoperative care is provided to patients recovering from anesthesia. The critical care nurse is responsible for many vital tasks for the care of post-anesthesia and post-operative patients. These essential activities include airway management and oxygen administration, monitoring vital signs, managing post-operative pain treating symptoms of postoperative nausea and vomiting.</p>

<b>Unit Orientation</b>	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.
<b>Number of Beds</b>	Pre-op Surgery – 4 beds  PACU – 1 bed  Supports 1 OR theater
<b><u>Patient Care</u></b>	
<b>Patient Population</b>	Various ages (>16) and surgical interventions. (i.e. patients requiring surgery including General Surgery, OMF, and Orthopedics)  ASA I or II only.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____  <b>Other:</b>
<b><u>Systems</u></b>	
<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: _____
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Pre and Post op – 2 RN; Intra-op – 3 RN; PACU – 1 RN
<b>Service Hours</b>	Monday to Friday 0700 to 1700.
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: _____ Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>

## Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: 100%
<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: _____ On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: _____ Other: _____
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Surgeons, Anesthetists, Ward Clerk , Nursing staff

### 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,

	<p>cardiac monitoring interpretation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegated medical functions (i.e. IV push, extubation, protocols for different patient populations)</li> <li>• Excellent interpersonal and patient education skills</li> <li>• Demonstrate caring and compassion</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li> </ul>	<p>ACLS</p> <p>Perioperative Nursing program preferred.</p>

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