



Unit Name: MSK/Amputee/Neuro

Unit Location: 8th floor of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation and Arthritis Center

Program: Tertiary Rehabilitation Care for MSK/Amputee/Neuro

Nova Scotia Health Authority Tertiary Inpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Tertiary Rehabilitation
Site	8 th floor of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation and Arthritis Centre
Brief description of the Unit.	<p>Tertiary rehabilitation is for patients who have experienced an amputation, a stroke, trauma, burns or who are living with musculoskeletal conditions.</p> <p>The goal of rehabilitation for patients is for them to achieve the best possible recovery and the highest level of independence and function from the direction and guidance of an interdisciplinary team.</p>
Unit Orientation	<p>Depending on the experience level of the new employee, the orientation within the unit encompasses: select professional involvement throughout the orientation process (preceptor, clinical nurse leader, staff nurse (mentors); provision of direct education from a dedicated nurse educator for the NSRC and staff personnel.</p> <p>The length of orientation is individualized (approximately ranges from 2-6 wks) and depends upon his/her experience level upon hire. Completion of orientation will occur when individualized competencies related to patient care delivery are met.</p>

Number of Beds	22 in-patient bed unit
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Patient Care

Patient Population	<p>This in-patient rehabilitation unit has a population of patients who have musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders, amputations, spinal cord injury(s), MS, ALS, neurologic disorders, stroke, burns, multi-trauma and individuals with complex medical disorders who are in need of reconditioning and functional restoration. The patients will receive modified total patient care from a team which includes a clinical nurse leader; staff RN's; LPN's; CTA's; unit aide, & a unit clerk. Collaboratively, our healthcare team strives to provide the highest level of quality patient care to ensure the best outcomes for our patients. They participate in effective daily individual and group rehabilitation programs that assist them in achieving optimal levels of independence within the community upon their discharge.</p>
Average Patient Age Range	Ages range from 15-80 + years
Nursing Model of Care	<p>Primary Nursing: ___ Team Nursing: ___ Other: ___ Total Patient Care: ___ Modified Total Patient Care: <u> X </u></p> <p>Other:</p>

Systems

Medication System	<p>Traditional:___ Unit Dosage: ___ Other: <u>Pyxis</u></p> <p>Other:</p>
Scheduling	<p>Manager: <u> X </u> Self: _____</p>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	<p>Days: RN <u> 4 </u> LPN <u> 3 </u> CTA <u> 1 </u> Evenings: RN <u> 2 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u> CTA <u> 1 </u> Nights: RN <u> 1 </u> LPN <u> 1 </u> CTA _____</p>
Service Hours	24 hours a day
Length of Shift	8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: ___

<u>Staff</u>	
Staff Mix	Staff Mix: 0700-1500 RN <u>45%</u> LPN <u>45%</u> PSW <u>10%</u> 1500-2300 RN <u>40%</u> LPN <u>50%</u> PSW <u>10%</u> 2300-0700 RN <u>50%</u> LPN <u>50%</u> PSW <u>0%</u>
Physician Coverage	Physician Coverage: Resident on Call <u>x</u> Family Physician/Hospitalist <u>x</u> Other: <u>Physiatrist</u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Interdisciplinary team of physio, occupational and recreational therapists, social workers, orthotics and prosthetics, speech, dietician, and liaison's with Home Care and Community services

<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>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibilities 	Basic nursing care, complex discharge planning, patient and family/caregiver teaching, collaborating within an interdisciplinary team of physio, occupational and recreational therapists, social workers, orthotics and prosthetics, speech, dietician, and liaising with Home Care and Community Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	The tertiary nursing care for this patient population includes the following: Complete patient assessment, IV initiation and maintenance, venipuncture, peritoneal dialysis, PICC lines, Port-a-caths, complex wound care, Vac Dressing Therapy, NG/G tube feeds, positioning and transfer techniques, experience dealing with complex behaviors and coping strategies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	

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