



Unit Name Neurology and Spinal Cord Injury Service

Unit Location 5th Floor Nova Scotia Rehabilitation and Arthritis Center

Program Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation

Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	5 th Floor Rehab
Site	Nova Scotia Rehabilitation and Arthritis Center
Brief description of the Unit	Tertiary rehabilitation post injury/illness
Unit Orientation	Orientation includes a number of days with nurse educator and then on the unit paired with an experienced staff ensuring exposure to the majority of skills required and to the different shifts Orientation can be anywhere from 4 to 8 weeks depending on the staffs needs .
Number of Beds	21

Patient Care

Patient Population	Spinal cord injury, MS, ALS, Gullian Barre, CP
Average Patient Age Range	18 to 70
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____ Other: Pyxis
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: _____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>1</u> Evenings: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>1</u> Nights: RN <u>2</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA _____
Service Hours	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: _____ 12 hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>45</u> % LPN: <u>40</u> % CTA: <u>15</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: _____ On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: _____ Other: _____ <u>On Call on the evening, nights and weekend</u>

Multidisciplinary Team Members	OT, PT, Recreational Therapist, SW, psychology, spiritual care.
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<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 and complex care (ie specialized care required for bowel care, Autonomic Dysreflexia, respiratory breath stacking etc), complicated discharge planning, patient and family/caregiver teaching, collaborating within an interdisciplinary team, liaising with Home Care and Community Agencies. positioning and transfer techniques,, experience dealing with complex behaviors and coping strategies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Required 	IV initiation and maintenance, venipuncture, peritoneal dialysis. PICC lines, Hickman’s, Vac Dressing Therapy, complex wound care, NG/G tube feeds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required 	

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