



Unit Name Post Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU)

Unit Location Victoria General, 10B Centennial

Program Perioperative

Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient and Outpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	VG Post Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU)
Site	Victoria General Site 10B Centennial Building
Brief description of the Unit	Phase 1 recovery for patients having day surgery and same day admission surgery. Care of ICU/IMCU patients when these units are at full capacity.
Unit Orientation	Approximately 3 – 4 weeks of orientation, tailored to learning needs and experience. Comprehensive 1 year new graduate orientation program
Number of Beds	18 bays + 1 Isolation Room

Patient Care

Patient Population	Surgical specialties include: General, Thoracic, Gyne-Oncology, Urology, ENT, OMF, Ophthalmology, Renal transplant
Average Patient Age Range	Adult population 16 – 90+ years Occasionally: post op care of children 3 years and older for ophthalmic procedure or Lithotripsy
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: 1 RN: 2 patients, depending on the level of acuity

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: IV Direct, PCA, Epidural, Paravertebral Blocks, IM, SC, PO, & PR Medications
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: <input type="checkbox"/>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>12</u> LPN <input type="checkbox"/> CTA <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings: RN <u>3</u> LPN <input type="checkbox"/> CTA <input type="checkbox"/> Nights: RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN <input type="checkbox"/> CTA <input type="checkbox"/>
Service Hours	0700 – 2300 Monday – Friday Regularly scheduled weeknight (8 hr) and weekend (12 hr) on call.
Length of Shift	8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: <input type="checkbox"/> % CTA: <input type="checkbox"/> %
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	RN, Anesthesia Team, Surgical Team, ICU Team, RT, Patient Attendants, Unit Clerks, Clinical Educator.
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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 	Provide comprehensive post anesthetic care to surgical patients Critical care nursing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Required 	Medication administration, IV therapy, pain management, airway management, patient education, assessment and management of post-op complications. Critical care nursing skills are required. This unit requires a high capacity to work in a fast paced, high stress area. A high degree of organizational, critical thinking and communication skills are required. Computer skills necessary as charting is completed electronically
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities 	Preceptor and mentor for new staff Volunteer participation on unit / hospital committees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required 	Critical care nursing course or experience BCLS

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