



Unit Name Eye Care Centre

Unit Location 2A Centennial Building, Victoria General Hospital

Program Ophthalmology

Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Ophthalmology—Eye Care Center
Site	2A Centennial Building, Victoria General Hospital
Brief description of the Unit	Provide Ophthalmic Care (diagnostic and therapeutic) to patients from the Atlantic Provinces.
Unit Orientation	Length of orientation varies. Tend to recruit experienced RNs (with varied work experiences). Basically assigned to a preceptor(s) for the 6 weeks+ of orientation. This is a very specialized area requiring orientation to several subspecialties within the unit.
Number of Beds	N/A

Patient Care

Patient Population	Primary, secondary and tertiary care of primarily adult ophthalmic conditions including patients participating in research trials. Some pediatric care for specific diagnostics.
Average Patient Age Range	16 – 90+ primarily adults, large senior's population
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: ____ Team Nursing: ____ Other: ____ Total Patient Care: ____ Modified Total Patient Care: <u> X </u> Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <u> X </u> Unit Dosage: ____ Other: ____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <u> X </u> Self: ____
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 7-8 </u> LPN ____ CTA ____ Evenings: RN ____ LPN ____ CTA ____ Nights: RN ____ LPN ____ CTA ____
Service Hours	Monday – Friday 0730 – 1730. Some overtime may be required for urgent cases.
Length of Shift	8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: ____ Other: ____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: ____% LPN: ____% CTA: ____%
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X </u> On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: ____ Other: ____
Multidisciplinary Team Members	RNs, ophthalmic photographers, orthoptists/ophthalmic technicians and assistants, unit aide and clerical staff, Ophthalmologists, Residents and medical

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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>	
• Responsibilities	To provide nursing care to the patient during their visit to the Eye Care Center. This includes: checking visual acuity/eye pressures, pupil assessment, administration of eye drops and intravenous Fluoroscen, ICG dye infusion of PDT via pump, lensometry. Provide care, support, and assessment to the patients having minor procedures performed while assisting Physician. Provide nursing care in emergent situations in all areas. Also prioritizing patients who arrive requiring a consult and potentially urgent care.
• Skills Required	Excellent interpersonal skills, commitment to team approach, high degree of organization ability, must flourish in a fast-paced work environment and have ability to process large volumes of patients effectively and efficiently while maintaining a client focus. Examples of required skills: laser certification, eye drop administration, IV/Saline lock insertion, patient monitoring/support during minor procedures, excellent nursing skills and judgment in emergent situations (minor procedures, adverse reactions to diagnostic tests), also required or demonstrated ability to learn various ophthalmic diagnostic/screening procedures requiring a <u>high degree</u> of manual dexterity, visual acuity and patience e.g. tonometry, axial length and keratometry measurement, visual field testing, PAM and eyeglass reading.
• Additional Responsibilities	Voluntary membership on unit/hospital committees, for example, Policy and Procedure, Workplace Safety Committees, Accreditation. Unit activities as required, for example, orientation of new staff.
• Additional License/Certification/Education required	RN with previous ambulatory ophthalmology experience is considered an asset. Most ECC RN staff and all orthoptic/technical staff hold current JHCAPO accreditation.

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