



Unit Name 5A

Unit Location 5th Floor, Centennial Building, VG Site

Program Cancer Care and Treatment

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	5A: Gyne Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Palliative Care
Site	QEII, Victoria General Site
Brief description of the Unit	Inpatient Cancer Care/ Oncology unit which supports both surgical and medical cancer care treatments.
Unit Orientation	1 day Hospital Orientation 3 day Interprofessional Orientation Unit orientation consists of approximately 10-12 buddied / precepted shifts (**varies dependant on experience) 1 day with Clinical Educator
Number of Beds	Total of 23 beds: 10 Gyne Oncology, 10 Radiation Oncology, 3 Palliative Care

Patient Care

Patient Population	Women requiring surgery for gynecological cancer: Men and women receiving radiation therapy: Men and women requiring palliative, end of life care and support, symptom management, and or respite care. Patients may require concurrent chemotherapy, acute pain management, nutrition and fluid and electrolyte management.
Average Patient Age Range	Age range: Late Teens to early 80's. Average Age 60.
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: <u> X </u> Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other: Collaborative RN /LPN Practice

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: _____ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: _____ Self: <u> X </u>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 5 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u> Evenings: RN <u> 4 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u> Nights: RN <u> 3 </u> LPN <u> 1 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u>
Service Hours	24 hours a day 7 days per week.
Length of Shift	8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: _____ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>75</u> % LPN: <u>25</u> % CTA: <u>0</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u>x</u> On Site: <u> </u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u>x</u> Clinical Assistant on site day shift M-F for Radiation Oncology Service
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Spiritual Care, Dietitian, Bereavement councilor, Homecare coordinator

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	Assessment, leadership, establish goals of care, delegation, therapeutic communication, collaboration, conflict resolution, critical thinking and decision making, prioritizing competing demands, discharge planning
Skills Required	Certifications in Chemotherapy Administration, Acute Pain (Patient Controlled Analgesia), Central Venous Access devices (Port-a-caths, PICC lines, non-tunneled central line), Venipuncture, NG tube insertion, Blood and Blood Products. Medical/Surgical nursing skills. Understanding of pain management theory and practice, palliative care theory and practice, care of patients receiving radiation therapy.
Additional Responsibilities	Heavy physical workload.
Additional License/Certification/Education required	Oncology certification preferred.

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