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.

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## 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: _____ Total Patient Care: _____
Modified Total Patient Care: _____
Other: Collaborative RN /LPN Practice

## Systems

### Medication System
Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: ____ Other: _____
Other:

### Scheduling
Manager: _____ Self: ____

### Average Number of Staff per Shift
Days: RN 5 LPN 2 CTA 0
Evenings: RN 4 LPN 2 CTA 0
Nights: RN 3 LPN 1 CTA 0

### Service Hours
24 hours a day 7 days per week.

### Length of Shift
8hr: ____ 12 hr: ____ Other: ____
Other:
### Staff

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<th>RN: 75%</th>
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<td>Clinical Assistant on site day shift M-F for Radiation Oncology Service</td>
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<th>Multidisciplinary Team Members</th>
<th>Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Spiritual Care, Dietitian, Bereavement councilor, Homecare coordinator</th>
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### 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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