**Unit Name:** VG6B

**Unit Location:** 6th floor Centennial Building, VG Site, QEII Health Sciences Centre

**Program:** Medical and Surgical

**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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**Brief description of the Unit**

Acute care unit, with an intermediate care unit included. Transplant patients are cared for pre and post operatively. Nephrology, transplant and Hepatology patients are cared for over their life span. Hepatobiliary Surgery patients require complex surgical care.

**Unit Orientation**

Orientation is process is tailored on years and types of experiences.

All Staff - Hospital orientation as well as inter-professional orientation, computer orientation + 2 unit specific education days. Twelve 11.25 hour preceptored orientation shifts. You will complete an orientation checklist as well as required competencies. Staff with experience may require less preceptored shifts.

**Number of Beds**

28 bed unit: 11 Nephrology, 8 transplant, 3 Hepatobiliary Surgery, 2 Hepatology and 4 IMCU.
## Patient Care

### Patient Population
- **Transplant** – Kidney, Kidney/Pancreas, Liver, and Kidney/Liver
- **Nephrology** – peritoneal dialysis, vascular access, hemodialysis, ATN, respite care, palliative care, nephritis, nephrology assessment.
- **Hepatobiliary Surgery** – surgeries that involve the biliary tree.
- **Hepatology** – patients who require in hospital staff for transplant work-up or those requiring in hospital stay while waiting for liver transplant.
- **Apnea monitoring** – patients who require apnea monitoring due to sleep apnea or high dose opioid use.
- **Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)** – serves the VG population

### Average Patient Age Range
Range from late teens to advanced age. Ave. 55-65.

### Nursing Model of Care
- Primary Nursing: _____
- Team Nursing: _____
- Other: _____
- Total Patient Care: __X___
- Modified Total Patient Care: _____

**Other:** 6B is a RN – CTA model of care

### Systems

#### Medication System
- Traditional: _____
- Unit Dosage: __X___
- Other: _____

**Other:** By end of 2016 we will be using Pyxis

#### Scheduling
- Manager: _____
- Self: __X___

#### Average Number of Staff per Shift
- Total Days (11.25 hours):  RN__8___ LPN____ CTA_3.5___
- Total Nights (11.25 hours): RN_6___ LPN____ CTA__1.5__

#### Service Hours
24 hours /day, 7 days a week

#### Length of Shift
- 8hr: __X___
- 12 hr: __X___
- Other: _____

**Other:** RNs work 12 hour shifts, CTAs work 8 and 12 hour shifts
### Staff

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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.*

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<th>Skills Required</th>
<th>Physical assessment, IV initiation, venous blood taking (including blood cultures), nasogastric tube insertion, PCA &amp; epidural certification, care of central venous catheters, TPN/Enteral feeds, communication skills, peritoneal dialysis, vascular access (vas catheters, permanent catheters &amp; AV Fistulas). Insulin drips, heparin drips, and low dose inotropes for IMCU care.</th>
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