



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Transplant , Nephrology, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Hepatology, Apnea monitoring and Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)
Site	VG 6B Centennial
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	<p>Transplant – Kidney, Kidney/Pancreas, Liver, and Kidney/Liver</p> <p>Nephrology – peritoneal dialysis, vascular access, hemodialysis, ATN, respite care, palliative care, nephritis, nephrology assessment.</p> <p>Hepatobiliary Surgery – surgeries that involve the biliary tree.</p> <p>Hepatology – patients who require in hospital staff for transplant work-up or those requiring in hospital stay while waiting for liver transplant.</p> <p>Apnea monitoring – patients who require apnea monitoring due to sleep apnea or high dose opioid use.</p> <p>Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) – serves the VG population</p>
Average Patient Age Range	Range from late teens to advanced age. Ave. 55-65.
Nursing Model of Care	<p>Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: _____ Other: _____ Total Patient Care: <u> X </u></p> <p>Modified Total Patient Care: _____</p> <p>Other: 6B is a RN – CTA model of care</p>

Systems

Medication System	<p>Traditional: _____ Unit Dosage: <u> X </u> Other: _____</p> <p>Other: By end of 2016 we will be using Pyxis</p>
Scheduling	<p>Manager: _____ Self: <u> X </u></p>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	<p>Total Days (11.25 hours): RN <u> 8 </u> LPN _____ CTA <u> 3.5 </u></p> <p>Total Nights (11.25 hours): RN <u> 6 </u> LPN _____ CTA <u> 1.5 </u></p>
Service Hours	24 hours /day, 7 days a week
Length of Shift	<p>8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: <u> X </u> Other: _____</p> <p>Other: RNs work 12 hour shifts, CTAs work 8 and 12 hour shifts</p>

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>75</u> % LPN: <u> </u> % CTA: <u>25</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> </u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Unit Clerks, Unit Aides, Social Workers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist, Physicians, Psychologists, Dieticians, Spiritual Care Workers

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	Care planning, patient teaching, medication administration, complex wound care, documentation, interdisciplinary discussion planning.
Skills Required	Physical assessment, IV initiation, venous blood taking (including blood cultures), nasogastric tube insertion, PCA & epidural certification, care of central venous catheters, TPN/Enteral feeds, communication skills, peritoneal dialysis, vascular access (vas catheters, permanent catheters & AV Fistulas). Insulin drips, heparin drips, and low dose inotropes for IMCU care.
Additional Responsibilities	Heavy physical workload. Computer skills.
Additional License/Certification/Education required	IMCU course and skills

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