



**Unit Name:** 9A General Surgery

**Unit Location:** 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Centennial Building, VG Site

**Program:** General Surgery

**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>	
<b>Service</b>	9A General Surgery
<b>Site</b>	QEII, VG Site
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	9A:  9A is an acute care general surgery inpatient unit that focuses on the care of individuals suffering from disease processes involving primarily the abdomen, esophagus, colon, small bowel, gall bladder and bile ducts. Abdominal surgeries include appendectomies, cholecystectomies, hernia repair, resections, ostomy creation, gastroplasties, gastric bypass, open and laparoscopic procedures.
<b>Unit Orientation</b>	1 week general and interdisciplinary orientation for new hires. 8-12 preceptor shifts on the unit depending upon level of experience. 1 day orientation split between the Clinical Nurse Educator and an Enterostomal Therapy Nurse.
<b>Number of Beds</b>	9A is a 30 bed inpatient unit.

### Patient Care

<b>Patient Population</b>	Care of the GSR patient population includes a variety of surgeries for benign and malignant growth of tumors, cholecystectomy, resections, flaps, hernias, reconstruction, Crohn's and Colitis. Admitting patient, complete pre-operative preparation, post-operative care, medication and/or treatment administration and discharge planning.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	Average 55-75. Range from late teens to advanced age.
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: ____ Team Nursing: ____ Other: <u>X</u> Total Patient Care: ____ Modified Total Patient Care: ____ <b>Other:</b> Collaborative Model

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: ____ Unit Dosage: <u>X</u> Other: <u>X</u> <b>Other:</b> Pyxis machines.
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: ____ Self: <u>X</u>
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u>7</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA ____ Evenings: RN ____ LPN ____ CTA ____ Nights: RN <u>5</u> LPN <u>1</u> CTA ____
<b>Service Hours</b>	Inpatient 24/7
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: ____ 12 hr: <u>X</u> Other: ____ <b>Other:</b>

### Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u>85</u> % LPN: <u>15</u> % CTA: ____%
<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: <u>X</u> On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: ____ Other: ____

<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Physicians (incl. staff, fellows, residents, interns and clinical clerks), RNs, LPNs, Unit Aides, Unit Clerks, housekeeping, pharmacy, respiratory therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, Enterostomal therapy nurses, dieticians, spiritual care, porter services, clinical nurse educator, and consult services.
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**Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience**

<p><b>RN</b>  <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>Admission and assessment of patient, medication administration, IV insertion, assessment, monitoring, and provision of care during pre and post-operative period, pain management, patient and family teaching, discharge planning, emotional support of patient and family, documentation of care, delegation and communication to members of the multidisciplinary team throughout the process.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Skills Required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Physical assessment, peripheral IV initiation and therapy, blood specimen collection, blood cultures, transfusion of blood products, tube management (NG, enteral, JP, PEG, etc.), APS certification, care of CVAD, TPN/enteral feeds, communication skills, complex wound management including NPWT and ostomy care, IV medications.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>Excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills. Commitment to team work. Excellent time management. Must have the ability to stand for long periods of time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional License/Certification/Education required</b></li> </ul>	<p>Current CPR.  Previous post surgical experience an asset.</p>

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