



Unit Name Gastroenterology Clinic

Unit Location VG site, Victoria Building, 9th floor

Program Ambulatory Care

Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service Profile

The purpose of this Profile is to provide Nurses with an overview of each service area.

| <u>General Information</u> | |
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| Service | Gastroenterology Clinic |
| Site | VG site, Victoria Building, 9 th floor |
| Brief description of the Unit | The GI clinic provides care to those with acute and chronic conditions of the upper and lower GI tract. |
| Unit Orientation | Orientation varies depending on past experience. Generally orientation last two weeks. |
| Number of Beds | This is an Ambulatory Care Clinic |

Patient Care

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| Patient Population | GI disorders and cancers, pancreatic and liver diseases and cancers |
| Average Patient Age Range | 20-80 |
| Nursing Model of Care | Primary Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Systems

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| Medication System | Traditional: <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Scheduling | Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Average Number of Staff per Shift | Days: RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CTA <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings: RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN <input type="checkbox"/> CTA <input type="checkbox"/> Nights: RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN <input type="checkbox"/> CTA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Service Hours | Monday to Friday, 0700-1600 |
| Length of Shift | 8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Staff

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| Staff Mix | RN: <input type="checkbox"/> % LPN: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % CTA: <input type="checkbox"/> % |
| Physician Coverage | On Call: <input type="checkbox"/> On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Multidisciplinary Team Members | LPN, Physician, NP, Clerical Support |
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| <u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u> | |
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| RN <i>Registered Nurses provide professional nursing services, deliver health education programs and provide consultative nursing services to promote, maintain and restore patient health.</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibilities | <p>Within their scope of practice, the LPN provides care for patients with defined health challenges and predictable outcomes. As the acuity or complexity increases and/or outcomes are not predictable, the LPN, under the supervision of the Registered Nurse provides nursing interventions, within their scope of practice as described in the LPN Act and Regulations and LPN Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics. Maintaining patient flow through the clinic and supporting the patient during the encounter are responsibilities required of the LPN in clinic.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required | <p>IV initiation and medication administration, ability to react to emergent situations, venous blood taking, assisting with Paracentesis. Wound Care.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities | <p>Strong communication skills. Collaborative working relationships with physicians, , NP's, Learners. Strong patient/family teaching skills required. Some moderate to heavy lifting required.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required | <p>BLS certification</p> <p>Immunization certification.</p> <p>Advanced wound care certification is an asset.</p> |

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