**Unit Name:** GI Endoscopy Unit

**Unit Location:** 9th North, VG Site

**Program:** Endoscopy

**Nova Scotia Health Authority Outpatient Service Profile**

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

**General Information**

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<td><strong>Brief description of the Unit</strong></td>
<td>Diagnostic and Therapeutic scopes.</td>
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<td>ERCP, Colonoscopes, Gastroscopes, Bronchoscopes, Capsule Endoscopy, Motility test, Fibroscans, PEG tube placement, Rigid Sigmoidoscopies, EUS.</td>
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<td><strong>Unit Orientation</strong></td>
<td>Orientation involves a 10-12 week orientation to all areas of the endoscopy unit. We do have RNs and LPNs as well as Unit Aides and SPD techs. Critical Care is an asset.</td>
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<td><strong>Number of Beds</strong></td>
<td>10 recovery room beds and 5 procedure rooms at the VG site and 1 procedure room at the satellite unit in HI Minor Procedures.</td>
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## Patient Care

### Patient Population
Admit patient, assist physician with procedure, recover patient and discharge patient. Ongoing patient assessment throughout stay in the Endoscopy Unit.

### Average Patient Age Range
16 to 100 but we have done procedures with children from the IWK as young as 5.

### Nursing Model of Care
- **Primary Nursing:** ____
- **Team Nursing:** ____
- **Other:** ___ X ____
- **Total Patient Care:** ____
- **Modified Total Patient Care:** ____

**Other:** Very much a team approach. Admission, recovery and discharge has 2-3 RNs involved in care. In the room during procedure there is either 1 RN or 1 RN and LPN. There are some areas where the LPN is the sole care provider unless the patient condition requires RN care or condition changes.

## Systems

### Medication System
- **Traditional:** ____ X ____
- **Unit Dosage:** ____
- **Other:** ____

**Other:**

### Scheduling
- **Manager:** ____ X ____
- **Self:** ____

### Average Number of Staff per Shift
- **Days:** RN 10___ LPN 2___ CTA 0___
- **Evenings:** RN 0___ LPN 0___ CTA 0___
- **Nights:** RN 0___ LPN 0___ CTA 0___

### Service Hours
Unit is staffed 0730-1630 with on call overnight, Holidays and weekends.

### Length of Shift
- **8hr:** ____ X ____
- **12 hr:** ____
- **Other:** ____

**Other:**

## Staff

### Staff Mix
- **RN:** ____ 80___ %
- **LPN:** ____ 20___ %
- **CTA:** ____ %

### Physician Coverage
- **On Call:** ____ X at night ____
- **On Site:** ____ X during day ____
- **N/A:** ____
- **Other:** ____
### Multidisciplinary Team Members

Physicians (incl. staff, fellows, residents and clinical clerks), nurse practitioners, research nurses, RNs, LPNs, Unit Aides, SPD techs, clerical (administrative assistants, booking clerks), housekeeping, pharmacy, respiratory, x-ray techs, infection control practitioners, biomedical engineers, sales representatives, other units when on call or doing travel cases, EHS Paramedics.

### 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**
  
  Admission and assessment of patient, education, assessment and monitoring of patient during procedure, administration of conscious sedation, assist with the technical part of the procedure, monitoring and recovery of patient post procedure, education and discharge of patient, family education, emotional support to both patient and family as necessary, collaboration with all health care professionals involved with patient and procedure, documentation, delegation to LPNs, unit aides and SPD techs. Communication with all members of the multidisciplinary team as required throughout. Education of nursing students, medical clerks, residents and fellows. Preceptorship and mentorship. Transfer of care and accountability.

- **Skills Required**
  
  IV insertion, patient assessment, IV direct medications, current CPR
  
  Critical care experiences an asset.

- **Additional Responsibilities**
  
  Ability to do on call (nights and weekends).
  
  Ability to wear a lead apron approx. 20lbs for 8hrs/day
  
  5 days a week.

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**
  
  CPR Certification.
  
  GI Certification an asset.

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