



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.

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Endoscopy – Medical/Surgical, Gastroenterology, Hepatology, General Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Respiriology, Thoracic, and Colon Cancer Prevention Program.
Site	Victoria General Site of the QEII HSC Satellite room in Minor Procedures at the HI site of the QEII HSC
Brief description of the Unit	Diagnostic and Therapeutic scopes. ERCP, Colonoscopes, Gastrosopes, Bronchoscopes, Capsule Endoscopy, Motility test, Fibroscans, PEG tube placement, Rigid Sigmoidoscopies, EUS.
Unit Orientation	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.
Number of Beds	10 recovery room beds and 5 procedure rooms at the VG site and 1 procedure room at the satellite unit in HI Minor Procedures.

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: <u> X </u> 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: <u> X </u> Unit Dosage: ___ Other: ___ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <u> X </u> Self: ___
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u> 10 </u> LPN <u> 2 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u> Evenings: RN <u> 0 </u> LPN <u> 0 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u> Nights: RN <u> 0 </u> LPN <u> 0 </u> CTA <u> 0 </u>
Service Hours	Unit is staffed 0730-1630 with on call overnight, Holidays and weekends.
Length of Shift	8hr: <u> X </u> 12 hr: ___ Other: ___ Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u> 80 </u> % LPN: <u> 20 </u> % CTA: ___ %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> X at night </u> On Site: <u> X during day </u> 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.
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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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	IV insertion, patient assessment, IV direct medications, current CPR Critical care experiences an asset.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	CPR Certification. GI Certification an asset.

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