



**Unit Name:** Medical Day Unit

**Unit Location** 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Victoria General Building

**Program:** Oncology

## 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>	
<b>Service</b>	Oncology
<b>Site</b>	QEII, Victoria General Site
<b>Brief description of the Unit</b>	Administration of cytotoxic medication to hematology oncology patients, BMT infusions and treatment, supportive care for hematology oncology patients. Provides care for benign hematology patients, space is utilized by other services for day patient activity.  Apheresis activity for stem cell retrieval and plasma exchanges
<b>Unit Orientation</b>	Orientation is individualized based on experience and skills set of new staff. Frequent evaluation occurs between preceptor and preceptee. Average 3-4 weeks. Chemotherapy certification required
<b>Number of Beds</b>	34- 3 apheresis beds

### Patient Care

<b>Patient Population</b>	Hematology oncology, Hematology benign, other services day patient activity, BMT infusion and care, supportive care for patient undergoing systemic therapy and transplant.
<b>Average Patient Age Range</b>	18-80
<b>Nursing Model of Care</b>	Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Systems

<b>Medication System</b>	Traditional: <u>X</u> Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>
<b>Scheduling</b>	Manager: <u>Set schedule</u> Self: _____
<b>Average Number of Staff per Shift</b>	Days: RN <u>14</u> LPN _____ CTA _____ Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____
<b>Service Hours</b>	0730 – 17—staggered start times
<b>Length of Shift</b>	8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: _____ Other: _____  <b>Other:</b>

### Staff

<b>Staff Mix</b>	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: _____ % CTA: _____ %
<b>Physician Coverage</b>	On Call: _____ On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: _____ Other: _____
<b>Multidisciplinary Team Members</b>	Pharmacy, social work , other support for cancer care patients

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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.*

**• Responsibilities**

Assessment of complex patient population requiring extensive supportive care post chemotherapy/ BMT.

Ability to respond to urgent situation, communication skills and collaborative practice

Assessment and recovery of patient undergoing procedure and infusion of various other drugs.

**• Skills Required**

Chemotherapy certification Excellent IV skills

Apheresis training and certification

Teaching skills

Central line access

Communication and time management skills

**• Additional Responsibilities**

**• Additional License/Certification/Education required**

Chemotherapy certification

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