



Unit Name Nova Scotia Cancer Centre

Unit Location Main Floor Dickson Building and 11 North Victoria Building, VG Site (Clinics also held on 3rd and 5th Floor Dickson, 7th Floor Victoria and Cobequid Community Health Centre)

Program Cancer Care and Treatment

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	Division of Medical Oncology, Department of Radiation Oncology and Surgical Oncology, under Cancer Care Program
Site	Main Floor Dickson Building and 11 North Victoria Building, VG Site (Clinics also held on 3 rd and 5 th Floor Dickson, 7 th Floor Victoria and Cobequid Community Health Centre)
Brief description of the Unit	Care and management of patients with a solid tumor cancer diagnosis- initial consult through to palliative treatment.
Unit Orientation	Orientation is a minimum of 3-4 weeks, depending on knowledge and skills of RN. Minimum 2 years Hematology/Oncology experience (if no suitable applicants, consideration may be given to RN with minimum of 1 year experience and oncology focus during their formal studies, or other relevant clinical experience).
Number of Beds	32 Exam Rooms (plus satellite clinics), approximately 150 patients/day.

Patient Care

Patient Population	Newly diagnosed or follow up patients with a solid tumor cancer diagnosis. Majority of patients on active treatment (chemotherapy, radiation therapy), or close monitoring of progression/metastatic disease. Procedures, such as thoracentesis and paracentesis, performed for symptom management and patients recovered in clinic. Assessments, patient education, care coordination and symptom management (including telephone care). *See RN responsibilities below.
Average Patient Age Range	18-80s.
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: ___ Team Nursing: ___ Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: ___ Modified Total Patient Care: ___ Other: Primary RN and Dr Teams. RNs manage caseload of patients on active treatment/follow up.

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: ___ Other: ___ Other:
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: ___
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>21-23</u> LPN ___ CTA ___ Evenings: RN ___ LPN ___ CTA ___ Nights: RN ___ LPN ___ CTA ___
Service Hours	Monday- Friday 0800-1830 hrs (no holidays or weekends).
Length of Shift	8hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (+ rotating "late shift" for admissions and transfers) 12 hr: ___ Other: ___ Other:

<u>Staff</u>	
Staff Mix	RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: <u> </u> % CTA: <u> </u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <u> </u> On Site: <u> X </u> N/A: <u> </u> Other: <u> </u>
Multidisciplinary Team Members	Physicians, Fellows/Medical Students, Nurse Practitioner, Radiation Therapists, Clinical Trials RNs, Clerical, Unit Aide, Social Work, Pharmacy, Dietician, Spiritual Care, Psychology, Volunteers.

<u>Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience</u>	
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 	Assessment (newly diagnosed through to palliative care), psychosocial support, teaching, care coordination, symptom management, telephone care (monitoring of blood work and symptoms for patients at home, identification and management of oncologic emergencies). Assist with procedures, such as thoracentesis, paracentesis, pelvic exams.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Required 	Strong assessment, communication and patient education skills. Excellent time management, organization and critical thinking. Ability to work closely with physician colleagues. Ability to work well in a team and independently. Subcutaneous injections, IV initiation, Wound Care, NG Tubes, Tracheotomy Care, Care of Central Venous Access Devices an asset.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Responsibilities 	Patients can present to clinic very ill and requiring admission. Ability to assist with transfer from wheelchair or stretcher.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional License/Certification/Education required 	CNA Oncology Certification an asset.

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