



Unit Name: Systemic Therapy

Unit Location: 11 Victoria 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> | |
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| Service | 11 Victoria Treatment |
| Site | QEII, Victoria General Site |
| Brief description of the Unit | Systemic therapy – administration of cytotoxic drug to medical /gynecology oncology patients. Supportive care for these and radiation oncology patients is also provided |
| Unit Orientation | Orientation is individualized based on experience, clinical experience and skills already in place. Average orientation is 3-4 weeks. Assessment is done periodically between preceptor and preceptee to determine status of orientation and if longer time required. |
| Number of Beds | 22 treatment areas – mix of chairs and beds |

Patient Care

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| Patient Population | Chemotherapy administration, supportive care including: blood transfusions, line care , hydrations, electrolyte replacement |
| Average Patient Age Range | 18- 80 |
| Nursing Model of Care | Primary Nursing: _____ Team Nursing: <u>X</u> Other: _____ Total Patient Care: _____ Modified Total Patient Care: _____ Other: Nurses work in pairs to deliver care however overall a team approach to care |

Systems

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| Medication System | Traditional: <u>X</u> Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____ Other: |
| Scheduling | Manager: <u>set schedule</u> Self: _____ |
| Average Number of Staff per Shift | Days: RN <u>10</u> LPN _____ CTA _____ Evenings: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ Nights: RN _____ LPN _____ CTA _____ |
| Service Hours | Monday to Friday 0730 – 1700. Staggered start and end shifts |
| Length of Shift | 8hr: <u>X</u> 12 hr: _____ Other: _____ Other: |

Staff

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| Staff Mix | RN: <u>100</u> % LPN: _____% CTA: _____% |
| Physician Coverage | On Call: _____ On Site: <u>X</u> N/A: _____ Other: _____ |

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| Multidisciplinary Team Members | Cancer care supportive team, social work, pharmacy |
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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>Assessment of complex patient population requiring extensive supportive care post chemotherapy.</p> <p>Ability to respond to urgent situation, communication skills and collaborative practice</p> <p>Assessment and recovery of patient undergoing procedure and infusion of various other drugs.</p> <p>Communication</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Required | <p>Excellent IV skills</p> <p>Excellent assessment skills</p> <p>Strong communication skills</p> <p>Teaching skills</p> <p>Central line access skills</p> <p>Time management skills</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required | <p>Chemotherapy certification</p> |

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