**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.

### General Information

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<td>QEII, Victoria General Site</td>
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<td><strong>Brief description of the Unit</strong></td>
<td>Systemic therapy – administration of cytotoxic drug to medical /gynecology oncology patients. Supportive care for these and radiation oncology patients is also provided</td>
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<td><strong>Unit Orientation</strong></td>
<td>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</td>
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<td><strong>Number of Beds</strong></td>
<td>22 treatment areas – mix of chairs and beds</td>
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### Patient Care

**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: ___ X___ Other: _____
Total Patient Care: ______
Modified Total Patient Care: ______

**Other:** Nurses work in pairs to deliver care however overall a team approach to care

### Systems

**Medication System**
Traditional: ___ X___ Unit Dosage: _____ Other: _____

**Other:**

**Scheduling**
Manager: ___ set schedule____ Self: _____

**Average Number of Staff per Shift**
Days: RN___10___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: ___ X___ 12 hr: _____ Other: _____

**Other:**

### Staff

**Staff Mix**
RN: __100___% LPN:___% CTA:___%

**Physician Coverage**
On Call: _____ On Site: ___ X___ N/A: _____ Other: _____
## Multidisciplinary Team Members

Cancer care supportive team, social work, pharmacy

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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.

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**Additional License/Certification/Education required**

Chemotherapy certification

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