**Unit Name:** 9A General Surgery

**Unit Location:** 9th floor, Centennial Building, VG Site

**Program:** General Surgery

**Nova Scotia Health Authority: Inpatient Service Profile**

The purpose of this Profile is to provide Nurses with an overview of each service area.

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## Patient Care

### Patient Population
Care of the GSR patient population includes a variety of surgeries for benign and malignant growth of tumors, cholecystectomy, resections, flaps, hernias, reconstruction, Crohn’s and Colitis. Admitting patient, complete pre-operative preparation, post-operative care, medication and/or treatment administration and discharge planning.

### Average Patient Age Range
Average 55-75. Range from late teens to advanced age.

### Nursing Model of Care
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## Systems

### Medication System
- Traditional: ___
- Unit Dosage: X
- Other: X

### Scheduling
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### Average Number of Staff per Shift
- Days: RN 7 _ LPN 1 _ CTA ___
- Evenings: RN ___ LPN ___ CTA ___
- Nights: RN 5 _ LPN 1 _ CTA ___

### Service Hours
- Inpatient 24/7

### Length of Shift
- 8hr: ___
- 12 hr: X
- Other: ___

### Staff Mix
- RN: 85%  
- LPN: 15%  
- CTA: ___%

### Physician Coverage
- On Call: X
- On Site: X
- N/A: ___
- Other: ___
# Multidisciplinary Team Members

Physicians (incl. staff, fellows, residents, interns and clinical clerks), RNs, LPNs, Unit Aides, Unit Clerks, housekeeping, pharmacy, respiratory therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, Enterostomal therapy nurses, dieticians, spiritual care, porter services, clinical nurse educator, and consult services.

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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**
  - Admission and assessment of patient, medication administration, IV insertion, assessment, monitoring, and provision of care during pre and post-operative period, pain management, patient and family teaching, discharge planning, emotional support of patient and family, documentation of care, delegation and communication to members of the multidisciplinary team throughout the process.

- **Skills Required**
  - Physical assessment, peripheral IV initiation and therapy, blood specimen collection, blood cultures, transfusion of blood products, tube management (NG, enteral, JP, PEG, etc.), APS certification, care of CVAD, TPN/enteral feeds, communication skills, complex wound management including NPWT and ostomy care, IV medications.

- **Additional Responsibilities**
  - Excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills. Commitment to team work. Excellent time management. Must have the ability to stand for long periods of time.

- **Additional License/Certification/Education required**
  - Current CPR.
  - Previous post surgical experience an asset.

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