



Unit Name Neurology

Unit Location 8.1 Halifax Infirmary

Program General Neurology and Acute Stroke care

Nova Scotia Health Authority Inpatient Service Profile

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

<u>General Information</u>	
Service	Neurology Stroke Service and General Neurology
Site	Halifax Infirmary
Brief description of the Unit	To provide comprehensive, interdisciplinary care for patients throughout the Atlantic Provinces with Acute Stroke care, General Neurology Investigation and pre-rehabilitation post stroke.
Unit Orientation	Typically the orientation period consists of 12-16 shifts precepted by and experienced staff. This does not include the hospital general orientation.
Number of Beds	30 inpatient beds, no IMCU

Patient Care

Patient Population	Acute care for stroke and general neurology patients. Care ranges from investigation and diagnostics to pre-rehabilitation care.
Average Patient Age Range	Typically patient age ranges from 25-85 years of age
Nursing Model of Care	Primary Nursing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Nursing: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Total Patient Care: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Systems

Medication System	Traditional: <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Dosage: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Pyxis for the night cupboard
Scheduling	Manager: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self: <input type="checkbox"/>
Average Number of Staff per Shift	Days: RN <u>6</u> LPN <u>3</u> CTA <u>0</u> Evenings: RN <u>6</u> LPN <u>3</u> CTA <u>0</u> Nights: RN <u>4</u> LPN <u>2</u> CTA <u>0</u>
Service Hours	24 hours a day/ 7 days a week
Length of Shift	8hr: <input type="checkbox"/> 12 hr: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Staff

Staff Mix	RN: <u>70</u> % LPN: <u>30</u> % CTA: <u>0</u> %
Physician Coverage	On Call: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Physicians, residents and Medical Students. Nurse Practitioners, Nursing and support staff. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathologists, Dietary, Continuing Care, Social work
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Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

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>To provide comprehensive care to stroke and neurology patients and their families in a professional and knowledgeable manner. To lead discussion and care planning regarding their patients and families and to advocate for them during team conferences.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Required 	<p>NG insertion and maintenance, IV insertion and maintenance, Blood Transfusion, Catheterization, PICC Line maintenance and removal , assisting with mobility and transfer from bed to chair, Palliative care, Medication Administration</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Responsibilities 	<p>Charge duties, attending team conferences.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional License/Certification/Education required 	<p>New Staff are encouraged to seek opportunities for education related to Neurology and Stroke.</p>

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