

Surgery Special Care

Patient Population Profile:

Adult Surgical Patients: ENT, Bariatric, Trauma, Vascular, Urology, Kidney transplants, Liver transplants, Pancreas transplants, Urology, Plastic surgery, Oncology, Orthopedic, Radium implants, etc.

Of Beds: 49 Total

Equipment Used:

- Specialty Equipment for Bariatric population
- Telemetry monitoring
- Hemodynamic Monitoring Equipment
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Diagnostic & Treatment Modalities:

Kidney Biopsies, CVC insertion, Lumbar punctures, Telemetry, Peritoneal Dialysis, Respiratory Suctioning, etc.

Acuity Variables:

1942-1948 - Surgery Intermediate Care Unit (Step-down) Nurse/Patient ratio 1:3-4.

1949-1970 - Surgery Special Care Unit, Nurse/Patient ratio 1:5-6.

Medications Rendered:

IV Medications, PO Medication, IM Medications; Narcotics, Cardizem Drips (Step-down), Lidocaine Drips (Step-down), Insulin Drips (Step-down).

Support/Structure of the Unit:

- Director, Operations Coordinator, Clinical Educator, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Administrative Associates, and Nursing Assistants, support the unit.
- There is a patient/family lounge area with a television and magazines, male/female locker rooms, employee lounge, 2 Case Managers, and Social Worker to assist the unit.
- 12 week individualized orientation with preceptor.

Shift(s):

7am-7pm and 7pm-7am (All RN's and LPN's work 12 hour shifts, 3 per week).

Day shift with Rotations, and Permanent Night Shifts

Rotation Schedule:

Limited Rotation, but based on Seniority/ max 50%

Qualifications/Experience Necessary:

- RN License
- LPN License
- Graduate of accredited nursing program

Certifications after Orientation:

- Trauma Certification
- Bariatric Certification
- Telemetry Certification
- ACLS Certification
- BLS Certification

Miscellaneous: Why is this best unit in the hospital to work?

- Flexibility
- Multiple Committees to Join
- Gross Educational Opportunities
- Graduate Nurses are welcome.
- Team Environment
- High Standards
- Self Scheduling
- Pick your weekend to work (2 out of 6 weekends)