

Progressive Cardiac Care

Patient Population Profile:

Provides care for medical cardiology and acute medical surgery patients that require telemetry monitoring and intervention in the care of the acutely ill cardiac patient.

Of Beds: 48 beds

Equipment used:

- Monitors
- Telemetry packs
- IVAC machines
- Pulse oximetry
- Defibrillator
- EKG Machine
- Doppler

Diagnostic & Treatment Modalities:

- Diagnostic catheterizations
- Angioplasty
- Angiograms
- Diagnostic stress tests

Acuity Variables:

Nurse/patient ratios: 1:5, 1:6

Medications Rendered:

Multiple cardiac drugs by mouth and intravenously.

Support/Structure of the Unit:

Director, Operations Coordinator, Clinical Nurse Educator, RN's, NA's and AA's support the unit. Training includes an individualized orientation by unit staff and 8-12 week preceptor program.

Shift(s):

Most RNs on this unit work 12 shifts (7 p.m. - 7 a.m., 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.), other flexible shifts available depending on unit needs. Every third weekend is standard.

Rotation Schedule:

Can be as much as 50/50 and schedules are published in six-blocks and are self scheduled.

Qualifications/Experience Necessary:

- Willingness to train
- ACLS required after 12 months
- EKG course during orientation

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

- This unit provides exposure to a varied patient population that will provide a solid foundation to specialize in a particular specialty.
- Welcomes Graduate Nurses.
- The unit is devoted to maintaining the highest patient satisfaction scores.