

Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit

Overview of the unit – basic description:

Care of Critical patients who have had a cardio thoracic procedure.

Of Beds:

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Equipment Used:

- Ventilators
- RVAD abiomed
- HP Monitors
- Datascope I ABP
- Heartmate LVAD
- Thoratec LVAD
- Alines
- PA catheters

Medications Rendered:

Cardiac inclusively & vasopressors. Paralytics/sedatives.

Support/Structure of the Unit:

- Cardiothoracic Medical Director
 - CT Fellowship Program
- Nursing Director
 - Clinical Educator
 - Patient Care Coordinators

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-week blocks and are modified self scheduled.

Qualifications/Experience Necessary:

- MUST have telemetry experience.
- MUST be willing to continue education.
- Critical care experience preferred.
- New graduates per individual basis.

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

- An organized & structured Unit
- A well-developed orientation & preceptor program
- A Team environment that promotes learning.