

# Orthopedics & Neurology

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## **Patient Population Profile:**

Provides for patients in need of orthopedic care, neurological disorders, strokes, and Level II traumas.

**# Of Beds:** 50 beds

## **Equipment Used:**

- CPM Machine
- Foot Pump
- Traction
- Compression Boots
- Trapeze
- Specialty Bed
- Wound VAC

## **Diagnostic & Treatment Modalities:**

EMU – allows continuous EEG monitoring

Intraleural/epidural catheter, IV Lidocaine administration to alleviate pain.

Continuous telemetry monitoring

## **Acuity Variables:**

Acuity variables are the number of traumas, post op patients and the number of patients with intraleural/epidural catheters and IV Lidocaine.

## **Medications Rendered:**

Various pain medications, neurological agents, seizure drugs, antibiotics, and Bupivacaine/Lidocaine (via intraleural catheters).

## **Support/Structure of the Unit:**

Director, Patient Care Coordinator, Clinical/Stroke Educator, RNs and NAs support the unit. Training includes an individualized orientation by unit staff and 8-12 week preceptor ship.

## **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:**

- Trauma certification preferred and required within 6 months of hire
- Telemetry certification
- Stroke education