Fact Sheet for: PEDIATRIC/YOUNG ADULT UNIT

Focus of unit: Pediatric and Young Adult Medicine. This is a family-centered unit with an experienced pediatric/med/surg staff with strong emphasis on pain management in a warm and nurturing environment. We have recently broadened our focus to include young adults with no co-morbidities. Since we are based in the community, it is convenient for our patients and staff alike. We work closely with the hospital-supported Kids’ Clinic and with the many private practices in the county.

RN to patient ratio for each shift: Day 5:1  Evening 5:1  Night 6:1

Average # of patients per day: 6

Number of beds in unit: 12  Average length of stay: 2 days

Special equipment used in the department: A&B monitor, cardiac monitor, syringe pumps, bili lights.

Patients admitted to the unit from: CEC, E.R., NICU, M/B, and Doctor’s offices.

Medical conditions of patients on the unit: Pediatric patients: respiratory conditions, AGE, surgical, neonatal sepsis, hyperbili. Young Adult patients: appendicitis, choley, PID, minor ortho, asthma, pneumonia.

Unit uses: Omnicell and Suremed
Baylors are used? No
RN’s are required to work 2-3 weekend shifts per month.

RN’s in the unit work A/B/C holiday schedule (This is a set-rotating schedule – ex. work Christmas every 3 years, Thanksgiving every 3 years and New Year’s every 3 years)
1 major holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s)
2 minor holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Christmas Eve, New Year’s Eve, Day after Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Eve (depending on shift)
Uniforms required: Royal Blue scrubs for RNs and Ceil Blue for Techs. (Associate purchases.)

Orientation to the unit lasts 4-8 weeks. Depends on associate experience.
Orientation to the unit occurs on day shift for days and on both shifts for nights.

Other comments specific to the unit:
Our Nurse Tech works on the floor and helps out at the desk as Unit Secretary.