Fact Sheet for: Short Stay Unit

Focus of unit: This specialized unit focuses on the management of the Phase II and Phase III operative patients. Our nurses promote relief, ease and transcendence through physical, psychosocial and environmental interventions. Discharge planning begins upon admission to achieve self-care. Each patient receives a follow-up phone call to determine physical status and to inquire about quality of care received.

RN to patient ratio for each shift: Day 1:4    Evening 1:4    Night 1:6

Tech to patient ratio: Day N/A    Evening N/A    Night 1 Tech (10p – 7a)

Average # of (cases/patients/deliveries) per day: 12-24

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

Special equipment used in the department: pulse oximetry, cardiac monitoring, PCA, crutches, and assistive devices.

Patients admitted to the unit from: ER, PACU, direct admission from MD office and/or other hospitals.

Medical conditions of patients in the unit: abdominal pain, limb trauma, breast surgeries, abdominal GYN surgeries, hernia repair surgeries, plastic surgeries, cardiac cath, vascular stent graft, micro-back surgeries, minor open bone surgeries, AV fistula insertions/revision, thyroid surgeries.

Resources available in unit during a crisis: All staff required to be ACLS

Unit uses Omnicell and SureMed? Yes
Baylors are used? Yes

Uniforms required: Royal Blue scrubs for RNs and Ceil Blue for Techs. (Associate purchases.)
Orientation to the unit lasts 40 to 120 hours.
Orientation to the unit occurs on 2 different shifts.
Other comments specific to the unit:

Majority of staff cross-trained to PACU; cross-training strongly encouraged to ICU or PACU.