20NT TELEMETRY

**Patient Population Profile:**
Provides care for primarily cardiology and medical surgical patients that require cardiac telemetry monitoring.

**# Of Beds:** 48 beds-We provide a private patient experience for our patients on the west side of the floor and semi-private rooms on the east side, however most rooms can be used as semi-private when necessary.

**Equipment used:**
- Hard Wired Bedside Monitors
- Telemetry packs
- Carefusion Pumps
- 2 Defibrillators and Code Carts
- EKG Machine
- Doppler
- Bladder Scanner
- Glucometer

**Diagnostic & Treatment Modalities:**
- Diagnostic cardiac caths-Patients can come with femoral lines post cath
- Angioplasty
- Angiograms
- Diagnostic stress tests
- Interventional radiology
- Endoscopy/Colonoscopy/EGD

**Acuity Variables:**
4:1 Nurse to Patient Ratio on both shifts

**Support/Structure of the Unit:**
Director, Clinical Nurse Manager, RN’s and AA’s support the unit. Orientation is for nine weeks. One week in the classroom and eight weeks on the floor with a preceptor.

**Shift(s):**
All registered nurses work 12 hour shifts. Every third weekend is standard. Each nurse has to work two Monday’s and two Friday’s in the six week schedule.

**Rotation Schedule:**
Can be as much as 50/50 but not more than and schedules are published in six-week blocks. We encourage self scheduling however management finalizes the schedule.

**Qualifications/Experience Necessary:**
- RN Licensure
- BLS Certification
- Telemetry Certification
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 New Nurses
- Have the opportunity of flexing their time on 18NT which is med surg.
- Work as a team and camaraderie on the unit