



Nursing, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Respiratory, Infectious Diseases and General Medicine - 3A

Location

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Purple lifts Level 3

Shift Times

Early (E)	Early (ED)	Late (LE)	Late (L)	Night (ZW)	Night (Nt)
0700 - 1530	0630-1500	1300 - 2130	1430 - 2300	2100 - 0730	2230-0700

Shift times may vary dependant on the clinical requirements of each area, please ensure you are familiar with your rostered shift times and any variances at commencement of placement (weekend shift times etc)

Placement Details

3A is a 32-bed acute Medical Inpatient Unit with a primary focus on Respiratory, Infectious Diseases and General Medical patients. The unit receives short to long stay patients via the Emergency Department, MAPU, ICU and other facility transfers (IHT). Patients are admitted under one of four admitting medical teams.

There will be a variety of conditions and disease processes on 3A, for example;

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Pleural Effusion
- Community Acquired Pneumonia
- Lung Cancer
- Pneumothorax
- Pulmonary Emboli
- Bronchoscopy
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Blood Born Infections

Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Assessment skills
- Complex medication management
- Insertion and management of indwelling catheters (IDC)
- Insertion and management of nasogastric tubes (NGT)
- Basic & Advanced life support measures
- Management of transfusions and infusions
- Participating/observing in deteriorating patients & medical emergencies
- Participating/observing in health education and advanced communication skills
- Wound care
- Liaising with Medical and Allied Health services to facilitate the patient journey from admission, care provision and back to the community
- Non-Invasive Ventilation (CPAP, VPAP, APAP, BiPAP, High flow nasal oxygen)

Pre- reading/revisiting: Safe management of intercostal catheter (ICC), chest drains and under water seal drains, anatomy and pathophysiology of patients with COPD and understanding a comprehensive respiratory assessment would be recommended prior to commencement of clinical placement.