



Nursing, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Acute Geriatrics Stroke and Neurology - 4A

Location

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Purple Lifts Level 4

Shift Times

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

Please ensure you are familiar with your rostered shift times and any variances at commencement of placement (weekend shift times etc)

Placement Details

4A is an Acute Geriatrics and Stroke/Neurology inpatient unit. Patients are admitted to the inpatient unit for a range of acute conditions including medical treatments or diagnostic investigations. The unit also has a locked area (4AG), containing beds 1-12. This area cares for patients with behavioural/delirium disorders.

There will be a variety of conditions and disease processes on 4A, for example;

- Dementia/Delirium
- Cerebrovascular accident (CVA)/Transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- Neurology conditions
- General medical conditions
- Functional, psychosocial, behavioural and cognitive deficits

Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Team Nursing/communication skills
- Thrombolysis/haemorrhagic stroke management
- ISBAR Bedside Handover
- Complex medication management
- Indwelling catheter (IDC) insertion and management
- Patient manual handling
- Advanced assessment skills
- Enteral feeding
- Wound care
- Tracheostomy management
- Management of transfusions
- Seizure management
- Comprehensive neurological assessment
- Care of the dying
- Cardiac monitoring/telemetry
- Work alongside Allied Health and the boarder multidisciplinary team (MDT) - A collaborative approach to holistic patient care is essential

Pre-reading/revisiting

Assessment, monitoring and care of neurological conditions and comprehensive assessment and prioritisation of care using complex scenarios would be recommended prior to commencement of clinical placement. Also completing "The view from here" on LMS would assist in promoting appropriate communication and safe patient care.