



Nursing, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Orthopaedic Surgical Unit - 4D

Location

6 Doherty Street,
Birtinya Qld 4575
Phone: 5202 5588

Orange lifts Level 4

Shift Times

Early (E)	Late (LE)	Late (L)	Night (ZW)	Night (N)
0700 - 1530	1300 - 2130	1430 - 2300	2100 - 0700	2245-0715

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

4D is a 32-bed Orthopaedic/Surgical Inpatient Unit. There will be a variety of conditions and surgical interventions on 4D, for example:

- Trauma
- Fractures including spinal
- Hip replacement
- Knee replacement
- Arthroscopy
- Amputations
- Osteotomy
- Infections involving Bone/Joints
- General orthopaedic surgery

Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Assessment skills
- Neurovascular & spinal assessments
- Complex medication management
- Management of transfusions and infusions
- Participating/observing in deteriorating patients & surgical/orthopaedic emergencies
- Participating/observing in health education and advanced communication skills
- Participating/observing in postoperative hyper/hypo-delirium
- Complex Wound Care
- Insertion and management of Indwelling catheters (IDC)
- Management of drains
- Pre- and post-operative care management
- Epidural and Patient controlled analgesia (PCA) care and management
- Pain Management
- Complex manual handling

Pre- reading/revisiting: - Preoperative preparation and postoperative management and understanding a Comprehensive assessment and prioritisation of complex care would be recommended prior to commencement of clinical placement.