



Nursing, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Acute Medical Unit – 5B/5C

Location

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Orange Lifts Level 5

Shift Times

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

Ward 5B/5C is a joint 64-bed acute medical unit with a primary focus on General Medical patients. 5B/5C is also the admitting ward for Queensland Eating Disorder Service (QuEDS) patients.

The unit receives short to long stay patients via the Emergency Department/ Transit and Intensive Care Unit (ICU). There will be a variety of conditions and disease processes on this ward, these include but are not limited to;

- Eating Disorders
- Diabetes
- General medical patients

Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Assessment skills
- Diagnostic procedures (medical imaging, biopsies, pathology)
- Overall care of general medicine patients
- Complex medication management
- Management of transfusions and infusions
- Initiation and management of Telemetry patients
- Medical Stabilisation of Refeeding Syndrome
- Insertion & management of Nasogastric Tubes (NGT)
- Insertion & management of Indwelling Catheters (IDC)
- AIRVO (Hi-Flow Oxygen) Therapy
- Syringe Drivers
- Participating/observing in deteriorating patients & medical emergencies
- Wound care
- Liaising with Medical and Allied Health services to facilitate the patient journey from admission to care and back to the community

Pre- reading/revisiting: - Anatomy and Pathophysiology along with therapeutic relationships and communication are vital requirements for placement. Understanding a comprehensive head to toe assessment and insight to management of Eating Disorders would also be recommended prior to the commencement of clinical placement.