



Nursing Unit Descriptions – UCHealth northern Colorado

CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICE LINE

Cardiac Unit (PVH & MCR)

The cardiac units at PVH and MCR have a total of 39 beds. Patients admitted to these units have diagnoses such as acute myocardial infarction (AMI), chronic heart failure (CHF), coronary artery disease (CAD), and post percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). MCR cardiac unit also has patients who are post-cardiac or vascular surgery or cardiothoracic surgery. PVH cardiac also cares for patients needing non-invasive ventilation. Both units utilize a team concept that consists of many disciplines working together for each and every patient.

CRITICAL CARE SERVICES

Surgical Intensive Care Unit / SICU (MCR) – This is a 12-bed unit specializing in acutely ill adults with medical, surgical, neurological and neurosurgical illnesses and patients who have sustained traumatic injuries.

Surgical Progressive Care Unit (MCR) – This is a 12-bed unit specializing in intermediate or moderately stable care of the acutely ill adult patient with medical, surgical, neurological, and neurosurgical illnesses and patients who have sustained traumatic injuries.

Cardiac Intensive Care Unit / CICU (MCR) – This is a 12-bed unit specializing in acutely ill adults with medical and cardiovascular illnesses and patients who have undergone interventional radiology, vascular and cardiothoracic surgeries.

Cardiac Progressive Care Unit (MCR) – This is a 12-bed unit that specializes in the intermediate or moderately stable care of the adult cardiac/telemetry patient population such as heart failure, cardiomyopathy, R/O myocardial infarction (MI), and 24-hour post open hearts.

Intensive Care Unit / ICU (PVH) – This is a 12-bed unit specializing in acutely ill adults with medical and surgical conditions. Nursing assignments are made on a shift to shift basis taking into consideration patient acuity and staff.

Intensive Care Unit / ICU (LPH) – This is a 6-bed unit specializing in acutely ill adults with medical and surgical conditions. Nursing assignments are made on a shift to shift basis taking into consideration patient acuity and staff.

EMERGENCY SERVICE LINE

The Emergency Departments are located on four campuses. Staff may float from one location to another. Nurses are hired into a variety of assigned positions which may include days, mid-shifts or nights on 12-hour shifts.



- Medical Center of the Rockies is a Level II Trauma Center and has 26 beds to include two trauma/resuscitation rooms, and a SANE examination area.
- The PVH Emergency Department is a Level III Trauma Center and has 51 beds to include treating emergent patients from the northern Ft. Collins and surrounding agricultural area.
- The Greeley Free Standing Emergency campus has 13 beds, which typically sees medical, surgical, and orthopedic emergencies. There is also a SANE examination area in this ED.
- The Harmony Free Standing Emergency campus has 12 beds, which typically sees medical, surgical, and orthopedic emergencies. There is also a SANE examination area at this campus.

Nurses must obtain PALS, TNCC, ACLS, ENPC within 12 months of hire.

INPATIENT SURGICAL CARE SERVICES

Surgical Unit (PVH) and Trauma/Surgical Unit (MCR) – These combined 52-bed units care for both general surgical and trauma patients. The trauma population includes multi-trauma injured patients, ranging from TBI to orthopedic injuries. PVH Surgical Unit also cares for bariatric (weight loss) surgery patients.

MEDICAL SURGICAL UNITS

Medical Unit (MCR) – This 24-bed unit cares for a dynamic patient population including pulmonary, cardiac, oncology, GI, renal, endocrine, rheumatology, and a variety of chronic and acute medical conditions.

Medical Oncology Unit (PVH) – This 28-bed unit cares for a dynamic patient population including GI, renal, endocrine, rheumatology, pulmonary and a variety of other medical conditions, as well as oncology patients who are actively receiving chemotherapy/biotherapy treatments of system management and support. The patient population is a very diverse, often complex adult population, ranging from 18 to 100+ years old, many of whom present with multiple co-morbidities.

Medical & Specialty Care Unit (MCR) - We are a unique 18-bed unit caring for patients across their lifespan. We care for adult medical, surgical, and orthopedic patients, as well as pediatric patients and some post-partum mom/baby couplets.

Med Surg Unit (LPH) - We are a 35-bed unit that cares for a complex patient population which includes cardiac, bariatric, orthopedic, general medical and surgical, and pediatric patients.

Med Surg / ICU Unit (YVMC) - We are a 24-bed unit, 4 of which are ICU beds. All of our ICU nurses are also trained to work Med Surg. We care for adult medical, surgical, and orthopedic patients, as well as pediatric patients on Med Surg. In our ICU, we care for adults with a variety of diagnoses, such as Sepsis, Respiratory Failure, and DKA.



Neuro/MedSurg (PVH) – This 25-bed unit treats a very diverse population of patients. The patients include neurological disorders, medical, and patients who have undergone various types of surgery.

Ortho/Neuro/Spine (MCR) – This 24-bed unit treats a diverse patient population. Neuro includes surgical patients such as post-craniotomy and spine surgeries as well as neurological disorders including CVA/TIA, seizures/epilepsy, brain tumors and aneurysms. Ortho patients include total joint replacements, minor ortho traumas requiring surgical repair, spine surgery, as well as non-surgical patients. The Ortho Neuro Spine unit also cares for medical and trauma/surgical overflow patients which covers a wide variety of diagnoses and procedures.

Ortho Unit (PVH) – This 25-bed unit focuses on total joint replacements and minor Ortho traumas. The Ortho Unit also cares for medical overflow patients.

PERIOPERATIVE SERVICES

Operating Room (PVH) - This is a 13 suite OR with multiple specialties including Orthopedics, General, Bariatrics, Robotics (SI), ENT, Plastics, Spine, Urology, and GYN. PVH is a level III trauma center, and we perform roughly 800 surgeries a month.

Operating Room (MCR) - This is a 14 suite OR with multiple specialties including Cardiothoracic, General, Neuro, Robotics, Orthopedics, Plastics, Spine, Urology, and GYN. MCR is a level II Trauma Center, and we perform approximately 900 surgeries per month.

FLOAT POOL

At PVH. This department provides nursing care services for inpatient units at PVH including Medical/Oncology, Surgical, Orthopedics, Cardiac, Neuro, and Rehab. Staff placement for each shift is determined by unit staffing needs and census. Nurses earn an additional differential for working in the float pool.

At MCR. This department provides nursing care services for inpatient units at MCR including Medical/Oncology, Medical and Specialty Care, Trauma/Surgical, Ortho/Neuro/Spine, and Cardiac. Staff placement for each shift is determined by unit staffing needs and census. Nurses earn an additional differential for working in the float pool.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SERVICE LINE

Birthing Center (PVH) – The Birthing Center at Poudre Valley Hospital includes 12 LDR's, 2 OR's, and a triage area. Our combination of providers and advanced maternity medicine has helped thousands of babies enter the world! Our dedicated team makes having a baby as smooth as possible for a growing



family. Generations of Colorado families have relied on Poudre Valley Hospital when it matters most. Nurse patient ratio ranges from 1:1 to 1:3.

Birth Center (LPH) – Our Birth Center unit cares for antepartum, laboring, and delivered patients 34 weeks gestation or greater, and also well and sick newborns 34 weeks gestation and greater. We have 3 labor rooms, 1 triage room, 8 postpartum rooms (with one capable of flexing to a labor room), 1 OR, 3 private Special Care Nursery (SCN) rooms, and 3 open bay SCN rooms. Staffing is carried out by patient type as recommended by the AWHONN staffing guidelines.

Mother & Family (MCR) – Our Mother & Family unit cares for antepartum, laboring, and delivered patients 34 weeks gestation or greater, and also well and sick newborns 34 weeks gestation and greater. We have 4 labor rooms, 2 LDRP rooms, 2 screening rooms, 10 postpartum rooms, 2 OR's, 2 bay PACU, and 6 special care nursery spaces. Staffing is carried out by patient type as recommended by the AWHONN staffing guidelines.

NICU (PVH) – Our Level III NICU unit has 19 beds to care for premature or ill newborns, with the capability to expand to 28. Nurse/patient ratio ranges from 1:1 to 1:4 (varies with acuity). We are in the process of a major renovation and are expanding to a 32-bed, single-family room NICU.

Peds Plus (PVH) –The Peds Plus unit at Poudre Valley Hospital consists of 17 beds, which includes two PICU rooms. We provide care for a wide range of patient populations. We welcome nurses who are interested in joining our great team of compassionate and caring nurses with a focus on family-centered care for pediatrics, PICU, postpartum and gynecologic patients

Women & Children (MCR) –The Women and Children's unit at Medical Center of the Rockies is a 12-bed unit that provides family-centered care for the pediatric, postpartum and gynecologic populations as well as support to the general hospital populations. Our team is passionate in the care we give and a great team to work with! Come join us!

Women's Care (PVH) – Our Women's Care unit has 21 beds to care for 21 moms and their babies. Focus is on postpartum, well newborn, and low-risk antepartum care. Nurse/patient ratio is 1 nurse for every 3 couplets. Nurses on this unit work 12-hour shifts, including some weekends and holidays.

Women and Family Services Team (PVH and MCR) –The Women & Family Services Team (WFST) is the float/flex pool for Women & Children's Services units at MCR and PVH. This department provides nursing care services for Pediatrics, Post-Partum, NICU and L&D at PVH Women & Children's Services. Nurses work 12 hour shifts, including rotating weekends and holidays. Nurses earn an additional differential for working on this team.