



Nursing Unit Descriptions – UCHealth northern Colorado

CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICE LINE

Cardiac Unit (PVH & MCR)

The cardiac units at PVH and MCR have a total of 36 beds. Patients admitted to these units have diagnoses such as acute myocardial infarction (AMI), chronic heart failure (CHF), coronary artery disease (CAD), post percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), post EP (electrophysiology) patients including ablations, pacemakers, and ICD placement. In addition, vasoactive drips and potential overflow of PCU patients. 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. We will also be converting 4 of our 12 beds to ICU level of care so we will be a mixed acuity critical care unit this fall.

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.

Progressive Care Unit / PCU (PVH) - This is a 12-bed unit specializing in intermediate or moderately stable care of the acutely ill adult patient with medical and surgical conditions. This unit collaborates closely with the PVH ICU and PVH Cardiac units.

Greeley Hospital

Greeley Hospital ICU - This is a 9-bed acuity-adaptable unit specializing in acutely ill adults with medical, surgical and neurological illnesses. This unit is also designated for the care of intermediate or moderately stable acutely ill adults while our PCU unit is being built.



Greeley Hospital Operating Room (GH) - This is a 3 suite OR with multiple specialties including Orthopedics, General, Robotics (SI), ENT, Neuro, Spine, Urology, and GYN. GH is a level III trauma center, and we perform roughly 250 surgeries a month.

Greeley Hospital SAC/PACU - 31 bay perioperative supports prep, phase I and phase II recovery for 10 ORs and all General Anesthesia cases in other departments in this level II trauma center.

EMERGENCY SERVICE LINE

The North Region Emergency Departments are located on five different campuses in Northern Colorado. Staff may be trained to float to multiple locations, but will always have a home base and dedicated manager. Nurses are hired into a variety of assigned positions which may include days, mid-shifts or nights on 12-hour shifts. Nurses must obtain PALS, TNCC, ACLS, ENPC, CPI, and NIHSS within 12 months of hire. All our EDs have a robust Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) program with SANE who come to each location to provide care

- Medical Center of the Rockies is a 26 bed Level II Trauma Center, primary stroke center and cardiac center located in Loveland. MCR is the regional trauma center for all of Northern Colorado and surrounding states like Wyoming, Nebraska and the Dakota's. MCR has the highest acuity index mix for our vast patient population.
- The PVH Emergency Department is a 48 bed Level III Trauma Center, primary stroke center and cardiac center located in Fort Collins. PVH is a community hospital that takes pride in building a team prepared to care for a variety of patient populations from birth to end of life and across the spectrum of medical and psychological emergencies.
- Greeley Hospital ED has 18 beds, is a Level III trauma center, has isolation and SANE rooms prepared, and includes a Pediatric Observation unit. We serve our community when any array of medical and traumatic emergencies occurs.
- 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.
- Harmony Emergency Department (HED) is a free-standing, full-service emergency department that cares for high-acuity patients across the lifespan. HED is a 12-bed facility that offers patients access to a full range of services including behavioral health, SANE, CT, x-ray, ultrasound, and laboratory. HED is open 24 hours a day and houses the only 24-hr pharmacy in Fort Collins.

INPATIENT SURGICAL CARE SERVICES

Surgical Unit (PVH) – This 28-bed unit cares for a diverse surgical population including general abdominal, urology, ENT and thoracic surgeries and is the designated unit for our bariatric (weight loss) surgery patients. The PVH Surgical Unit also cares for trauma patients and medical patients.

Trauma/Surgical Unit (MCR) - Trauma Surgical is a 24 bed adult acute care unit. The patient population consists of general surgical and trauma patients. The trauma patients may have limited injury or complex injuries requiring orthopedic and neurological intervention. Our surgical population ranges from general surgery, urology, and gastroenterology to complex surgical intervention for cancer treatment. This fast paced unit sustains a full census with an average length of stay 3-7 days caring for



intermediate level acuity patients. We care for patients with complex wounds and use a variety of modalities for postoperative pain management including Lidocaine and ketamine drips, epidural pumps, and spinal blocks. We enjoy great teamwork and provide excellent quality care utilizing a multidisciplinary approach.

MEDICAL SURGICAL UNITS

Acute Care Unit (GH) - This 36-bed unit cares for a wide range of patient diagnoses including chronic and acute medical problems along with trauma, post-surgical, orthopedic, oncology, neurology and cardiac patients. We also use high technology devices including Vocera, Epic rover, Visi, and the virtual health center services (Virtual ICU, Avasys, and virtual sitter).

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) - The Medical-Specialty Unit is an 18-bed hybrid unit for high acuity medical and surgical patients, as well as Progressive/Stepdown/Intermediate level of care patients: 12 beds med-surg & 6 beds PCU. The medical side has a population of medical, alcohol withdrawal, post-surgical including some OBGYN procedures, orthopedic, post-urology. The PCU side has opened the 6 beds as temporary PCU space, with a full 12 bed unit under construction projected for an opening date in early 2022. This will result in 12 medical beds and 12 PCU beds in a hybrid unit.

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) – The Neuro MedSurg Unit is a 22 bed unit, with video monitor capability in every room for all high fall risk patients, we have our own video monitor tech dedicated to our department. Our unit is fast paced and serves a diverse patient population. The Neuro population we see can be strokes, seizures, MS exacerbation, Spine/Neck Surgeries, EEG monitoring, Gillian Barre, Meningitis, limited trauma cases and much more. In addition to Neuro patients, we do overflow a fair amount of any diagnosis of medical/surgical type of patient you can think of, giving our nursing staff a strong skill set, every shift you may see and learn something new.

Tenure on the unit is high for our nursing staff, with many of our nurses and charge nurses working in this department for 10 years or more. This allows us to provide solid support for a new nurse starting his/her career. Team work is the name of the game to care for our patients and we make sure to have a little fun along the way, using our humor. We look forward to meeting you soon!



Ortho/Neuro/Spine (MCR) – Are you a caring, compassionate RN who is fully engaged in delivering high-quality, individualized care to your patients and their support system? Do you love being a part of a cohesive, supportive, multidisciplinary team? Do you embrace shared governance/leadership, have a continuous desire for learning and professional development, and enjoy a fast-paced environment with a lot of variety? Do you thrive in a setting that promotes positivity, requires flexibility, and depends on teamwork? If, so the ONS Unit may be a great fit for you!

The ONS unit at Medical Center of the Rockies (MCR) is proud to be part of a hospital that just achieved our third Magnet Designation! Nursing excellence is at the core of what we do every day and the Magnet model is embedded in our unit practices. Our 24-bed unit sees a wide variety of patients with Orthopedic and Neurologic diagnoses. We care for a range of patient acuities, and for both surgical and non-surgical diagnoses. MCR is Primary Stroke Certified and all of our ONS nurses are NIH certified. MCR is known for high quality care in our region and is frequently busting at the seams, and we therefore also care for a variety of medical and surgical patients that are not part of our primary patient population.

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 10 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

PVH Entity Acute Care Float Pool:

This team supports inpatient acute care units at PVH including Medical/Oncology, Surgical, Neurology, Cardiac, Orthopedics and Rehab.

PVH Entity Women/Family Support Team:

This team supports Womens' and Children's units at PVH including NICU, Pediatrics, Postpartum, and Newborn Transition. Cross training to Labor and Delivery is also available in this team.

PVH Entity Emergency Department Float Pool:

This team supports PVH Emergency Department, Harmony free standing Emergency Department, and 1 additional ED site, or other specialty unit based on prior nursing background.

North Enterprise Acute Care Float Pool:

This team supports acute care nursing units between 3 UCHealth hospitals.

**North Enterprise Women/Infants Float Pool:**

This team supports women's and children's units between 3 UCHealth hospitals including: NICU, Postpartum, and newborn transition. Cross training to Labor and Delivery is also available in this team.

North Enterprise Critical Care Float Pool:

This team supports Critical Care nursing units (ICU and PCU) between 3 UCHealth hospitals.

MCR Entity Emergency Department Float Pool:

This team supports MCR Emergency Department, West Greeley free standing Emergency Department, and Greeley Hospital Emergency Department

MCR Entity Acute Care Float Pool:

This team supports inpatient acute care units at MCR including Medical/Oncology, Trauma/Surgical, Ortho Neuro Spine, Cardiac, Clinical Decision Unit, and Medical Specialties Unit.

MCR/PVH Entity Critical Care Float Pool:

This team supports Critical Care nursing units (ICU and PCU) at PVH and MCR.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SERVICE LINE

Birth Center (PVH) – The Birth 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.

Birth Center (GH) – The Birth Center cares for cares for antepartum, laboring, and delivered patients 34 weeks' gestation or greater, as well as, premature or sick newborns 34 weeks' gestation and greater. Embedded within the unit is an Obstetrical Emergency Department. The unit is staffed with 24 hour OB Hospitalist and NNP coverage. The unit consists of 2 OB ED rooms, 5 LDRP rooms, 3 Post-Partum rooms and 3 Special Care Nursery rooms. Staffing is assigned out by patient type and acuity level as recommended by the AWHONN and NANN 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 Obstetrical Emergency (OBED) 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 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has been recently renovated with 32 beds, 25 of which are single family rooms. We care for premature infants and ill newborns.

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.