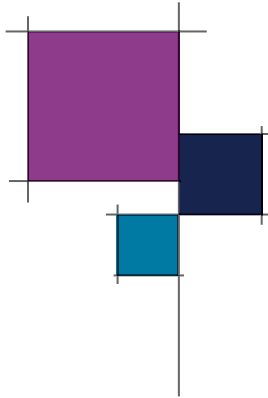


# Orthopedic Nursing



**O**ur orthopedic nurses are on the cutting edge of orthopedics. The orthopedic unit is a challenging and fast paced, 30-bed surgical unit. The nursing staff provide high quality, patient-focused care to the following patient populations:

## Total Joint Replacements

- Hip
- Knee
- Shoulder
- Elbow

## Spinal Surgery

- Multi-level Fusions
- Laminectomy
- Discectomy
- Kyphoplasty

## Orthopedic Oncology

## Reconstructive Surgery

- Hand
- Plastic (grafts, muscle flap)

## Multiple Trauma

Upstate is the regions Level One Trauma Center

## Organization

- The RN leads the nursing team consisting of other RNs, LPNs, and hospital attendants. The nursing staff is supported by the unit secretarial team.
- There is close collaboration with Physicians, Physician Extenders, Social Work Services, Case Management, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Nutritional Services.
- All members of the team participate in daily discharge planning rounds which help coordinate the transition of patients to home, rehabilitation centers or skilled nursing facilities.
- The nursing team is supported by a strong orthopedic leadership team consisting of the Patient Service Supervisor, Patient Service Director, Service Line Administrator and the Orthopedics Clinical Nurse Educator.



## A Great Work Environment

- Computerized Nursing Documentation
- Computerized Physician Orders
- We strive to provide flexible and creative staffing patterns.
- Continued learning and career advancement is encouraged and supported. Orthopedic nursing is recognized as a professional specialty at University Hospital; certification/recertification is reimbursed.
- A satellite physical therapy gym is located on the floor.
- The orthopedic surgeons are internationally known and respected.

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