



minimum NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO

PEDIATRIC FOCUSED (SPECIALTY) CARE UNIT DEFINITION

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PREAMBLE STATEMENT

B.C.'s minimum nurse-to-patient ratios (mNPR) are grounded in a commitment to continuous improvement and ongoing learning, prioritizing the well-being of nurses and patients. As these ratios are implemented, we will engage in continuous improvement cycles to better understand their impact on nursing outcomes and patient care. This will enable us to make informed adjustments, ensuring that we meet the needs of nurses and patients effectively.

DEFINITION – Pediatric focused care unit refers to:

- a) A multi-day inpatient unit which is organized, operated, and maintained to diagnose and provide treatment for pediatric patients with a high acuity and/or relatively common high complexity medical conditions (including complex psychosocial issues)
 - (i) for the Enhanced Subspecialty Regional Pediatric Service: the range of conditions is dependent upon the types of subspecialists available
 - (ii) for the Provincial Subspecialty Service: there is additional capacity to diagnose and provide treatment for high complexity medical conditions, many of whom require care from multiple subspecialty teams

RATIO – 1:3

GUIDELINES

Excluded: Pediatric Critical Care and Neonatal Intensive Care Units