

# HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL

## SURGICAL SERVICE LINE

Huntsville Hospital's Surgical Service Line includes the following inpatient nursing units:

The **Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit** (STICU) provides care to a wide variety of patients, including Level 1 and 2 traumas, vascular, general and medical patients. We assist our surgeons with several bedside procedures such as tracheostomies, abdominal washouts and central line placements.

The **Surgical Trauma Step Down Units** are post-surgical units that specialize in caring for patients who have undergone urology, colorectal, and general surgeries. As a Level I Trauma Center, we often continue the care of trauma patients once they are transferred from the STICU. On the Surgical Trauma Step Down Units, we manage complex dressing changes, surgical drains, wound vacs and chest tubes. We work closely with our physical and occupational therapy teams to manage our patient's mobilization and rehabilitation needs.

The **Surgical and Vascular Stepdown Unit** is a post-surgical unit that specializes in providing care to patients that have undergone bariatric or vascular surgery. Our unit is an environment that supports further development of clinical skills with exposure to various treatments such as wound management, peripheral intravenous catheter insertion and maintenance of surgical tubes and drains.

The **Ortho Trauma and Orthopedic Units** focus on the prevention and treatment of joint replacements; repair of open and closed fractures; tendon repair; arthritis; osteoporosis; and other illnesses and diseases.

The **Joint Camp Unit** is a specialized orthopedic unit that provides high quality care for post-operative patients undergoing elective surgery for hip, knee and shoulder replacements. Our multidisciplinary team assists patients with the recovery process along with discharge planning needed for effective joint replacement therapy.

**Ortho Spine** cares for patients' post spinal surgeries and procedures, including cervical, thoracic and lumbar fusions with care of drains, dressings and assisting with physical therapy and ambulation.

The **Neurological Intensive Care Unit (NICU)** is a 17 bed critical care unit. We care for a variety of acute neurological conditions with multiple co-morbidities. The majority of our patients suffer from stroke, seizures, brain tumors, neurological disorders, brain and/or spinal cord injury. We recover post neurological surgeries and assist with bedside procedures.

The **Neuroscience ICU Stepdown Unit** is certified by Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. Our staff is specially trained in neurological patient care. We use advanced equipment to provide the best quality care. Our patient population ranges from adolescents to seniors. We care for patients with neurological disorders including stroke, TIA, Guillain-Barre', Myasthenia gravis, seizures and various other neurological diagnoses.

**Neuro Spine** cares for patients needing advanced assessments and monitoring due to stroke, trauma head injury/bleed, acute spinal cord injury, post neurological surgery and neuromuscular disorders.



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