

Medical / Surgical

Whitefish, MT

About our medical / surgical unit:

- **How many beds:** 14 bed unit: 10 private and 2 double occupancy.
- **Patient demographics:** Medical and surgical patients over 18 years of age with various medical conditions, some requiring telemetry. Large surgical population that are status post joint replacement, other orthopedic, general surgery, and urological surgery. We get patients from the Emergency Department, Surgical Department, downgraded from the SCU, and direct admits from the community.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Full time nurses work three 12-hour shifts. This typically includes every other weekend or a portion of the weekend. The schedule repeats every two weeks and is predictable. There are no call requirements, there are opportunities to pick up extra shifts sometimes, and occasionally you will be offered call for a scheduled shift due to low census.

Common treatments & skill sets / procedures:

Nurses could remove dialysis, GI bleeds, EGD, ERCP and dialysis catheter placement.

Qualities of a medical / surgical nurse:

Flexibility will be key in this shared position. Medical / surgical nurses on this unit should have excellent organizational skills, ability to prioritize patient needs, and use their critical thinking skills.

A day in the life of our unit:

We have a busy med/surg unit. It isn't unusual for us to turn over more than half of our unit on any given day. Each morning we have multidisciplinary rounds that include the hospitalist. It is an opportunity to make sure we are all meeting the patient's needs and on the same page. We collaborate and work closely with our therapy team to improve mobility and independence.

At the Logan Health - Whitefish Medical / Surgical unit, we have hospitalist services 24/7. We follow the Planetree model of care and can offer extra amenities to add to patients' comfort and healing. We have two patient care coordinators on our unit who assist in daily operations, communications, and education, as well as orientation, process improvement, policy development. and staff meetings.

