

Medical / Surgical

Cut Bank, MT

About our Medical / Surgical unit:

- **How many beds:** 20 bed unit: 11 acute care beds, 9 swing beds and 3 bay ER.
- **Patient demographics:** We see all ages, newborns through geriatrics.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Self-scheduling by seniority, 12-hour shifts, dayshift 0545-1815, nightshift 1745-0615, mid-shift 1200-0000. 2 Nurses and a CNA per shift, mid-shift to overlap to keep continuity of care in the ER during shift change. No call requirements. Nursing is part of the MNA union.

Common treatments & skill sets / procedures:

Strokes, Cardiac events, traumas, sepsis, diabetes, COPD, CHF, behavioral health, swing bed- rehabilitative care. Provide outpatient services as well, IV therapy, and wound care. Scope days 1 per month. ACLS, PALS, TNCC, STABLE, NRP, Assessment skills, IV, EKG, medication administration. Use of modern equipment.

Qualities of a medical / surgical nurse:

Those who love to work in a team-oriented, family-like environment will thrive here. We have a very cohesive team. When things are intense, they can remain calm and make good judgement calls. Critical thinking is a must. Those who desire to work with the unpredictable, as we never know what the day will bring.

A day in the life of our unit:

That is what is the most appealing, you just never know what the day will bring. We work very close with our ancillary departments, lab and x-ray. We have a team approach, and we provide quality care to our patients.

