

**LOCAL APPENDICES TO THE
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

Between:

STEVENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
(Hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”)

And:

ONTARIO NURSES’ ASSOCIATION
(Hereinafter referred to as the “Union”)

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APPENDIX 3 – SALARY SCHEDULES

Classification - Registered Nurse

	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Apr-24
Start	\$35.52	\$37.93	\$39.07
1 Year	\$35.69	\$38.88	\$40.05
2 Years	\$36.28	\$39.86	\$41.06
3 Years	\$38.07	\$41.65	\$42.90
4 Years	\$39.87	\$43.52	\$44.83
5 Years	\$42.12	\$45.70	\$47.07
6 Years	\$44.39	\$47.98	\$49.42
7 Years	\$46.65	\$50.38	\$51.89
8 Years	\$50.85	\$54.37	\$56.00

APPENDIX 3 – SALARY SCHEDULES**Classification – Geriatric Emergency Management Nurse**

	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Apr-24
Start	\$40.25	\$42.98	\$44.27
1 Year	\$41.65	\$45.37	\$46.74
2 Years	\$43.91	\$48.24	\$49.69
3 Years	\$46.16	\$50.50	\$52.02
4 Years	\$48.43	\$52.86	\$54.45
5 Years	\$51.76	\$56.16	\$57.84
6 Years	\$53.30	\$57.61	\$59.34
7 Years	\$54.92	\$59.31	\$61.09
8 Years	\$57.39	\$61.36	\$63.20

APPENDIX 3 – SALARY SCHEDULES**Classification –Nurse Practitioner**

	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Apr-24
Start	\$53.45	\$57.08	\$58.80
1 Year	\$54.60	\$59.48	\$61.27
2 Years	\$55.75	\$61.25	\$63.09
3 Years	\$56.90	\$62.25	\$64.12
4 Years	\$58.06	\$63.38	\$65.29
5 Years	\$59.20	\$64.23	\$66.16
6 Years	\$60.35	\$65.23	\$67.19
7 Years	\$61.51	\$66.43	\$68.42
8 Years	\$63.45	\$67.84	\$69.87

APPENDIX 5

LOCAL ISSUES

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And:

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FULLTIME & PART-TIME

ARTICLE A – RECOGNITION

A - 1 FULL-TIME:

All full-time registered and graduate nurses of Stevenson Memorial Hospital in the Town of New Tecumseth, save and except Head Nurse, persons above the rank of Head Nurse, Director of Volunteer Services, persons for whom any trade union held bargaining rights as of November 10, 1992 and pending resolution of the composition of the Bargaining Unit, the Bargaining Unit will be limited to nurses "employed in a nursing capacity" and excluding as well, Intake Worker, Case Manager, Mental Health Counsellor I and Discharge Planner.

A - 2 PART-TIME:

All part-time registered and graduate nurses of Stevenson Memorial Hospital in the Town of New Tecumseth, save and except Head Nurse, persons above the rank of Head Nurse, Director of Volunteer Services, persons for whom any trade union held bargaining rights as of November 10, 1992 and pending resolution of the composition of the Bargaining Unit, the Bargaining Unit will be limited to nurses "employed in a nursing capacity" and excluding as well, Intake Worker, Case Manager, Mental Health Counsellor I and Discharge Planner.

NOTE: “Supervisor” and “Head Nurse” have been amended throughout the Collective Agreement to “Unit Manager” agreed as of August 14, 1996.

NOTE: It is understood that the “Association” throughout the Collective Agreement can be interpreted as the “Union” as defined by the Ontario Labour Relations Act.

ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

B - 1 The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Employer to:

- (a) Maintain order, discipline and efficiency.
- (b) Hire, assign, retire, discharge, direct, promote classify, transfer, lay-off, recall, suspend or otherwise discipline nurses, provided that a claim by a nurse that they have been discharged and disciplined without just cause may become the subject of a grievance and may be dealt with as is herein provided.
- (c) Determine in the interest of efficient operation and highest standard of service, job rating or classification, the hours of work, the tours of duty, work assignments, working schedules, methods of doing the

work, the working establishment for any service and the location of work.

- (d) Make and enforce and alter from time to time reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the nurses, provided that such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Agreement.
- (e) Determine the number of personnel required, the services to be performed and the methods, procedures and equipment to be used in connection therewith.

The Employer recognizes that the rights described in this Article shall be exercised in a reasonable manner consistent with all provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE C - UNION COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

C - 1

(a) Union Representatives

There shall be four (4) union representatives excluding executive members.

(b) Grievance Committee

There shall be a Grievance Committee of up to three (3) nurses of which only two (2) shall participate with the Employer in grievance meetings at any one (1) time.

(c) Negotiating Committee

There shall be a Negotiating Committee of three (3) nurses and a Labour Relations Officer of the Ontario Nurses' Association, one of whom will be the Bargaining Unit President.

(d) Union-Management Committee

There shall be a Union-Management Committee composed of two (2) nurses representing the Union and two (2) representatives of the Employer. The membership of the Committee may be expanded by mutual agreement of the parties. Additional representatives for either party may attend Committee meetings upon request and mutual agreement of the parties.

- (e) It is understood that representation for all the above committees is deemed to be for both full-time and part-time Bargaining Units combined.

Representation for all the above Committees will consist of no more than one (1) representative from any unit, whenever possible.

C - 2 Bargaining Unit President

Where practicable, the hospital will endeavour to schedule meetings during the Bargaining Unit President's (BUP) regular working hours.

The Employer will pay the Bargaining Unit President or designate at their regular straight time hourly rate for all hours spent attending meetings requested by the Employer outside their regular scheduled hours. Such hours paid for attendance of the BUP or designate at a meeting outside the BUP's or designate regularly scheduled hours will be invisible for purposes of determining premium payments (i.e these hours will not attract premium payment and will not be counted for purposes of determining eligibility for premium payment on other hours worked).

No reasonable request by the Bargaining Unit President to attend meetings or conduct union business will be denied.

ARTICLE D - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

D - 1 Union Leave

Any requests for leave of absence by the Union shall be submitted to the Employer, in writing, by the President of the Local Union indicating the date(s) and the name(s) of the nurse(s) for whom the leave of absence is being requested.

Requests for leave of absence will be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the posting of the schedule during which such leave has been requested.

Notice of cancellation of the leave shall be made forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the proposed leave if the affected nurse is to be returned to their regular tour of duty for the day for which the leave was originally requested.

Leave of absence for Union business shall be granted up to an aggregate maximum of forty-five (45) days during the calendar year to a maximum of three hundred and thirty-seven and one-half (337.5) hours. Such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld. It is agreed that not more than two (2) nurses can be absent from both Bargaining Units.

The Bargaining Unit President shall be paid for all hours spent at meetings at the written request of the Administration, outside their regularly scheduled

hours, at their straight time hourly rate to a yearly maximum of thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours. At the request of the Employer additional hours beyond thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) will be compensated at straight time.

D - 2 Prepaid Leave

For the purposes of the prepaid leave plan, there shall be no more than one (1) nurse from any one (1) unit. Both full-time and part-time nurses are included in this total.

ARTICLE E - PAID HOLIDAYS

E - 1 The Employer agrees to recognize the following paid holidays:

New Year's Day (Jan.1 st)	Civic Holiday
Family Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Remembrance Day (Nov. 11 th)
Canada Day/July 1 st	Christmas Day (Dec. 25 th)
Float Day *Full-Time Only	Boxing Day (Dec. 26 th)

E - 2 Where a nurse is entitled to a lieu day under Article 15.04 or 15.05 such day off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time within sixty (60) days following the holiday, unless mutually agreed otherwise, or payment shall be made in accordance with Article 15.03. A lieu day for New Year's may be taken prior to the holiday (during the Christmas time off period).

E - 3 If a part-time nurse works on any of the above noted paid holidays, they shall receive premium pay at a rate of one and one-half (1½) of their regular straight time hourly rate.

E - 4 Full-time nurses who are on a master schedule will be booked to work the paid holidays, if it falls within their normally scheduled tours unless otherwise mutually agreed.

ARTICLE F – VACATION

F - 1 The Employer will post by March 1st a vacation sheet in each unit to cover the period from June 15th to September 15th in each year, and each nurse employed in the unit should indicate prior to April 1st their preference for that vacation; in the event of conflict, seniority shall govern. Seniority rights for the purposes of this Article can only be exercised once in a fiscal year. The vacation schedule shall be confirmed and posted by May 15th. Any remaining time shall thereafter be granted on a first [1st] come first [1st] served basis. All other vacation requests shall be submitted two (2) weeks prior to the posting of the schedule in which the time off is requested and such requests shall be granted in order of date of request. For vacation

requests submitted after the posting of the schedule whereby the nurse has found their own replacement, the vacation request form must be signed and dated by both parties prior to submitting to the Manager for approval.

Preference for vacations and vacation requests shall be made by submitting a completed, signed and dated Vacation Request Form to the Manager/Coordinator, or designate, within the timelines outlined above.

For all vacation requests outside of the June 15th to September 15th period, a decision with respect to all such requests shall be confirmed by the Manager/Coordinator, or designate, and notice of approval or denial will be provided to the nurse within seventy-two (72) hours of the received request; this does not apply to requests for vacation time at Christmas or New Year's, to which Article F-6 shall govern.

- F - 2 A week of vacation shall be defined as seven (7) consecutive calendar days which include five (5) vacation days and two (2) days off.
- F - 3 Vacation may commence on any day of the week.
- F - 4 Prior to leaving on vacation, nurses shall be notified of the date and time on which to report for work following the vacation.
- F - 5 The Employer will endeavour to allow vacation to be taken at any time of the year.
- F - 6 Full-Time:
- (a) Requests for vacation time at Christmas or New Year's will be considered for exceptional circumstances on an individual basis and will not be unreasonably denied.
 - (b) It is understood that vacation weeks are not necessarily continuous; however, the Hospital will endeavour to accommodate the wishes of the nurses with respect to the choice of vacation dates, subject to the need to meet the operating requirements of the Hospital. The Hospital will not unreasonably deny vacations.
 - (c) Vacation cannot be accumulated beyond the nurses' entitlement under Article 16 of the Collective Agreement. All vacation entitlement must be used within the year for which it was accrued.

ARTICLE G - HOURS OF WORK - REGULAR TOURS

- G - 1 The first shift of the day shall be the day tour.
- G - 2 There shall be no split tours.

- G - 3 Schedules shall be posted four (4) weeks in advance and shall cover an eight (8) week period. The hospital will endeavour to schedule all shifts at the time of posting. Requests will be submitted two (2) weeks in advance of the posting of the schedule. Requests will be submitted using the request for time off form, which must be completed, signed and dated. The Employer will give personal notification to nurses of any changes to the posted schedule.
- G - 4 For regular tours, there shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) hours off between the conclusion of work and the start of the nurse's next tour unless expressly waived by the nurse, and agreed to by the Employer.
- G - 5 A weekend is defined as being fifty-six (56) hours off during the period following the completion of the Friday evening shift until the commencement of the Monday day shift.
- G - 6 Nurses shall be entitled to receive two (2) in four (4) weekends off.
- A nurse will receive premium payment, for third and subsequent weekends until such time the nurse receives a weekend off save and except where:
- (a) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
 - (b) such nurse has requested weekend work; or
 - (c) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.
- G - 7 Nurses shall be allowed to exchange tours of duty. Such changes initiated by the nurse will not result in additional cost to the Employer. All changes shall be subject to the approval of the Unit Manager or designate. Nurses will endeavour to request for a trade seven (7) days prior to the trade. A decision with respect to all such requests shall be confirmed by the Unit Manager or designate, and notice of approval or denial will be provided to the nurse within seventy-two (72) hours of the received request.
- G - 8 Nurses may be reassigned during their scheduled shift as directed by the Manager or designate. Nurses will be notified by the Manager or designate and shall not be placed in charge.
- G - 9 Full-Time:
- (a) There shall be forty-eight (48) hours of time off between night and day tours.
 - (b) There shall be forty-eight (48) hours of time off between day and night tours.

- (c) The Employer will endeavour to provide fifty percent (50%) of a nurse's shifts to be scheduled as day shifts.

G - 10 The normal starting and stopping times for regular (7.5 hour) shifts will be:

0700	-	1500 hours	-	Days
1500	-	2300 hours	-	Evenings
2300	-	0700 hours	-	Nights

G - 11 The Employer shall not schedule nurses to work more than two (2) different tours in a one (1) week period unless mutually agreed otherwise.

G - 12 Should the Employer wish to implement any scheduling other than regular tours or the normal daily extended tour, they will meet with the Union to discuss the implementation process.

G - 13 The Employer will endeavour to schedule a minimum of five (5) consecutive days off at either Christmas or New Year's in alternate years, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

The provisions of Article G may be waived once between December 20th and January 5th so that nurses will receive five (5) or more consecutive days off at either Christmas or New Year's in alternating years.

By the first Wednesday following Labour Day each year, the Employer shall post a Christmas/New Year's preference sheet. Each nurse on the unit shall indicate their preference to work either Christmas, New Year's, or to remain on their master schedule. The preference sheet shall be taken down on October 1st or the Monday immediately following October 1st and approval will be provided no later than October 15th. Time off at Christmas and New Year's shall be granted in accordance with the nurse's preferences, however, where that is not possible, preference will be given to the nurse who worked the holiday in the preceding year. If a conflict between two or more nurses occurs in time off at either Christmas or New Year's, the resolution shall be decided by the Employer based on seniority.

Once the schedule is posted, any change to the schedule, which violate the scheduling provisions under Article G shall be subject to premium payment.

The Christmas period off shall be defined as the beginning of the day shift(s) on December 24th until the beginning of the day shift(s) on December 27th. The New Year's period off shall be defined as the beginning of the day shift(s) on December 31st until the beginning of the day shift(s) on January 2nd.

The Hospital will post the Christmas and New Year's schedule 6 weeks prior to December 20th.

G - 14 Part-Time:

- (a) All pre-booked shifts shall be distributed as equitably as possible among the regular part-time nurses in each unit and/or area when the schedule is posted.
- (b) Once all regular part-time nurses have been scheduled to their commitment, additional shifts shall be offered to the regular part-time nurses assigned to the unit up to full-time hours before being offered to casual nurses. Regular part-time nurses who wish to be considered for such additional shifts will submit in writing their availability within one week of the posting of the schedule. The Employer shall endeavour to assign such additional shifts as equitably as possible. It is recognized the Employer shall not be required to assign any hours which may result in overtime premium pay.
- (c) Where no regular part-time employee is willing to perform the available work, the tour will then be offered to casual part-time employees as equitably as possible on a rotating basis.

G - 15 Twelve (12) Hour Shifts

- (a) Extended tours shall be introduced into any unit when:
 - i) eighty percent (80%) of the employees in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; or
 - ii) the Employer agrees to implement extended tours, such agreement shall not be withheld in an unreasonably arbitrary manner.
- (b) Extended tours may be discontinued in any unit when:
 - i) fifty percent (50%) of the employees in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; or
 - ii) the Employer, because of
 - A) adverse effects on patient care;
 - B) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule; or
 - C) the Employer wishes to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary, states its intention to discontinue extended tours in the schedule.

- (c) When notice of discontinuation is given by either party in accordance with paragraph (b) above, then:
 - i) the parties shall meet within two (2) weeks of the giving of notice to review the request for discontinuation; and
 - ii) where it is determined that the extended tours will be discontinued, affected employees shall be given sixty (60) days notice before the schedules are so amended.
- (d) The following regulations shall govern the scheduling of work for employees working extended tours:
 - i) The Employer shall ensure each employee every second (2nd) weekend off.
 - ii) Employees shall not be required to work more than three (3) consecutive tours.
 - iii) The Shift shall be eleven and one-quarter (11.25) consecutive hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period exclusive of a total of forty-five (45) minutes unpaid meal break and inclusive of a total of forty-five (45) minutes of relief breaks during the Shift.
 - iv) The normal start and stop times for extended tour shifts will be: Days 0700 hours to 1900 hours; and Nights 1900 hours to 0700 hours.
 - v) All other scheduling regulations which apply to employees working the regular daily tour as provided in Article G, except G - 4, G - 10 and G - 16.

G - 16

Two (2) Day/Two (2) Night Schedule – Extended Tour Schedule

- (a) When the Hospital and the Union agree, the 2D 2N extended tour schedule may be instituted when eighty percent (80%) of the employees (fulltime and regular part-time) on a particular nursing unit have so indicated by secret ballot. For employees who indicate to their Unit Manager that they do not wish to work extended tours, the Hospital will endeavour to schedule these nurses on a normal extended tour shift rotation.
- (b) When less than eighty percent (80%) of the employees (fulltime and regular part-time) on a particular nursing unit vote, as outlined in paragraph 1, in favour of the 2D 2N extended tour schedule by secret ballot, the Union may approach the Hospital and ask them to consider the implementation of a combination 2D 2N extended tour schedule, other extended tours and normal (7.5 hour) tour in a particular Unit.

- (c) The eighty percent (80%) figure above may be varied by mutual agreement between the parties.
- (d) The Hospital shall make space available to the Union in order to permit the Union to conduct the vote referred to in paragraph 1.
- (e) At any meeting with the Employer to discuss the 2D 2N schedule, a member of the Local executive should be in attendance.
- (f) The 2D 2N schedule may be discontinued in any unit when:
 - i) Fifty-one percent (51%) of the nurses in a unit so indicate by secret ballot; or
 - ii) The Hospital decides to do so because of:
 - (1) adverse effects on patient care, or
 - (2) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule, or
 - (3) where the Hospital wishes to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary, and states its intention to discontinue the extended tours in the schedule;
 - iii) When notice of discontinuance is given by either party in accordance with number (ii) above, then:
 - (1) the parties shall meet within two (2) weeks of the giving of notice to review the request for discontinuance; and
 - (2) where it is determined that the DD/NN extended tours will be discontinued, affected nurses shall be given sixty (60) days notice before the schedules are so amended;
 - iv) It will be the expectation that the local association will inform their members of the results of the secret ballot in a prompt and timely fashion.
- (g) The scheduling provisions contained in the collective agreement are applicable save and except for the following:
 - i) Nurses will not be required to work more than four (4) shifts in a row. If a nurse works a fifth (5th) shift, the nurse will receive premium pay. The nurse will not receive premium payment if the fifth (5th) shift is required by the nurse as an additional shift to maintain full-time hours.

- ii) Nurses will not be scheduled to work more than three (3) consecutive weekends. If a nurse works a fourth (4th) weekend or a portion of a weekend, the nurse will be paid premium as per the Collective Agreement, for all hours worked on that weekend and a fifth (5th) consecutive weekend save and except where:
 - A) such weekend has been worked by the same nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
 - B) such nurse has requested weekend work; or
 - C) such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.

For Clarity: Consecutive weekend premium payment will cease at the completion of the fifth consecutive weekend and will not be paid for the remaining regularly scheduled consecutive weekends.

- iii) All schedules will be done on the basis that each full-time employee will be scheduled for 1950 hours per year. RN's will be paid only for hours of work within the current pay period. The statutory holidays shall be embedded in the schedule as part of the 1950 hours. It is recognized that the Master Schedule rotation will still result in each affected nurse having a balance of hours required to achieve 1950 hours. By November 1st of each year, each affected nurse shall submit in writing their request to the staff scheduler or designate, with a copy to the Manager or designate, to advise the Hospital whether the nurse wishes the Hospital to schedule additional shifts or utilize vacation in order to balance the remaining hours to achieve 1950 hours for the nurse for the following year.

- (h) Any union provisions pertaining to premium payment for both fulltime and regular part-time nurses shall not apply.

G - 17 Prior to altering the starting or finishing times in any unit, or prior to introducing different tours on a unit, the Bargaining Unit President shall be notified and the employees in the unit consulted for input and comments.

G - 18 All Shift requests will go out to hospital employees before Agency Nurses. Staff Nurses, who have indicated their availability, will be utilized, including overtime, before shifts are offered to Agency Nurses.

ARTICLE H - PART-TIME COMMITMENT

- H - 1 Regular part-time nurses will be available for work twenty-four (24) hours per week.
- H - 2 Regular part-time nurses will be available for work as follows:
- (a) Nurses may be scheduled to work two (2) consecutive weekends in four (4). A nurse will receive premium payment for third and subsequent weekend until such time that the nurse receives a weekend off.
 - (b) at least fifty percent (50%) of the recognized paid holidays;
 - (c) To work as scheduled over either Christmas or New Year's period subject to Article G-13.
- H - 3 This Article does not constitute a guarantee of hours to a regular part-time nurse.
- H - 4 **Part-Time Availability & Unavailability**
- (a) A regular part-time nurse must, at minimum, be available to meet the commitment requirements described in H-1 & H-2; provided that this is satisfied, a regular part-time nurse may declare their unavailability for hours greater than the above. The regular part-time nurse will declare unavailability for additional shifts by notifying the Employer, in writing, by November 1st and April 1st of each year;
 - (b) It is the responsibility of the regular part-time nurse to inform the Employer and amend any changes to their unavailability.
- H - 5 In the absence of any declared unavailability, regular part-time nurses will be deemed available for any and all shifts and may be scheduled additional hours up to seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period. It is agreed that the nurse's availability for additional shifts does not waive the nurse's right to any premium payment that may be applicable.

For the purposes of this Article, "unavailability" refers to being unavailable for hours of work above the commitment, not specific days of the week.

ARTICLE I - PREMIUM PAYMENT

- I - 1 Where the nurse elects to receive lieu time off, such time off shall not exceed thirty-seven point five (37.5) hours at regular time.

Requests to utilize lieu time off shall be made, in writing, at least two (2) weeks in advance.

Lieu time off shall be utilized by the end of the fiscal year. Any unused compensating time off shall be paid on the last pay of March.

All lieu time off exceeding thirty-seven point five (37.5) hours will be paid out at time and one-half the nurse's current hourly rate.

- I - 2 If the Employer fails to schedule for regular tours a period of sixteen (16) consecutive hours off between periods of work, the Employer will pay to the nurse time and one-half [1½] their appropriate hourly rate for the following tour of duty worked.
- I - 3 If the nurse is scheduled to work in excess of seven (7) consecutive days on regular tours, they shall be paid time and one-half (1½) of all days scheduled in excess of seven (7) until a day off is scheduled.
- I - 4 When a reduction in service to the perioperative program is predicted for the forthcoming year, those nurses shall be permitted to bank up to seventy-five (75) hours of compensating time off.

ARTICLE J – MISCELLANEOUS

- J - 1 The Employer shall provide a bulletin board for the use of the Union. The practice of sharing the existing bulletin board in the basement corridor will continue.
- J - 2 The Employer agrees to maintain workplace violence and workplace harassment policies that are consistent with the Occupational Health & Safety Act and its Bill 168 Amendment and in compliance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- J - 3 If facilities are available, the Employer may grant permission to the Union to hold meetings on the Employer's premises.
- J - 4 The Employer will continue its current practice of direct deposit on a bi-weekly basis. An electronic copy of the pay stub will be available on the Employer's payroll system for viewing or printing after midnight of the pay date.
- J - 5 The Employer shall consider requests for reimbursement to a nurse for reasonable damages to personal property resulting from a workplace violence and or workplace harassment incident that occurred during the performance of their duties.
- J - 6 The Hospital will advise the Local Bargaining Unit President monthly of the names of nurses newly hired and their area of assignment.

ARTICLE K – COMPENSATION

- K - 1 The Employer will provide scrub uniforms for all nurses working in the Operating Room, Obstetrics, Dialysis and Emergency. Scrub uniforms will be available for nurses whose uniforms are soiled by body substances. Uniforms provided by the Employer must be laundered by the Employer.
- K - 2 A Graduate Nurse shall be paid ninety-seven-point sixty-seven percent (97.67%) of the start Registered Nurse rate.
- K - 3 i) The Employer will provide each full-time nurse with two (2) paid education days and each regular part-time nurse one (1) paid education day for the purpose of enhancing their professional practice. Days taken on a nurse's day off shall be paid at seven and one-half (7½) hours. The amount paid to a nurse who takes the days on their regularly scheduled day of work shall be equal to the number of hours for which they were scheduled. Paid education days shall not result in overtime payments.
- ii) Where practicable, the Hospital will provide on-site courses and re-certification.
- iii) Where the Hospital deems changes to existing certification requirements are essential to allow a nurse to practice in a specific unit, program or service, any such change will be discussed at the Association-Hospital Committee prior to implementation.

ARTICLE L - JOB SHARING

If the Employer agrees to a job-sharing arrangement pursuant to Article 20.01 of the Central Agreement, the following conditions shall apply unless otherwise agreed to by the parties:

- L - 1 Job sharing requests with regard to full-time positions shall be considered on an individual basis.
- L - 2 Total hours worked by the job sharers shall equal one (1) full-time position. The division of these hours on the schedule shall be determined by mutual agreement between the two (2) nurses and the Unit Manager of the Unit. Job Sharers may be offered additional shifts subject to compliance with Article G-14 (b).
- L - 3 The above schedules shall conform with the scheduling provisions of the Full-Time Collective Agreement.
- L - 4 Each job sharer may exchange shifts with their partner.

L - 5 The job sharers involved will have the right to determine which partner works on scheduled paid holidays and job sharers shall only be required to work the number of paid holidays that a full-time nurse would be required to work.

L - 6 Coverage:

(a) It is expected that both job sharers will cover each other's incidental illnesses and scheduled vacation. If, because of unavoidable circumstances, one (1) cannot cover the other, the Unit Manager must be notified to book coverage. Job sharers are not required to cover for their partner in the case of prolonged or extended absences.

(b) Maternity Leave, and other Leaves pursuant to Article 11 of the Central Full-Time and Part-Time Agreements:

In the event that one (1) member of the job-sharing arrangement goes on any of the above leaves of absence, the coverage will be negotiated with the Unit Manager, but it is hoped that the remaining member of the position would be prepared to cover the leave of absence as much as possible.

L - 7 Implementation:

(a) Where the job-sharing arrangement arises out of the filling of a vacant full-time position, both job sharing positions will be posted, and selection will be based on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreements.

(b) Any incumbent full-time nurse wishing to share their position, may do so without having their half of the position posted. The other half of the job-sharing position will be posted, and selection will be made on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.

(c) If one (1) of the job sharers leaves the arrangement, their position will be posted. If there is no successful applicant to the position, the shared position must revert to a full-time position. The remaining nurse will have the option of continuing the full-time position or reverting to a part-time position for which they are qualified. If they don't continue full-time, the position must be posted in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

L - 8 Discontinuation:

Either party may discontinue the job-sharing arrangement with ninety (90) days' notice. Upon receipt of such notice a meeting shall be held between the parties within fifteen (15) days to discuss the discontinuation. It is

understood and agreed that such discontinuation shall not be unreasonable or arbitrary.

ARTICLE M - MODIFIED WORK

- M - 1 The Union and the Employer will actively participate in the process with respect to the early and safe return to work of the nurses.
- M - 2 The Employer will provide a monthly update to the Union that includes:
- (a) The names and last day worked of those nurses absent from work because of disability and who are in receipt of Workplace Safety Insurance Board benefits.
 - (b) The names and last day worked of those nurses absent from work because of disability and who are in receipt of long-term disability (L.T.D.) benefits.
 - (c) The names of nurses currently participating in a temporary return to work program.
 - (d) The names of nurses permanently accommodated.
- M - 3 Prior to a nurse being placed on a temporary return to work program or a nurse being permanently accommodated, the Employer will meet with the nurse, the Union, the nurse's Manager, Occupational Health and others as required, to discuss and develop a suitable temporary return to work program or identify if a suitable permanent accommodation is available that meets the medical restrictions identified.
- M - 4 A nurse's return to work will not be unduly delayed due to the inability of the necessary parties to attend meetings.
- M - 5 Before posting, the Employer will review all potential vacancies to determine if they can be used to accommodate an employee who cannot return to their pre illness/injury position.

ARTICLE N – ELECTRONIC GRIEVANCE FORMS

- N - 1 The parties agree to use the electronic version of the O.N.A. Grievance Form (at Appendix 1 of the Hospital Central Agreement).
- N - 2 The parties agree that hard copy grievance forms and or the electronic grievance form are both valid for purposes of Article 7 of the Hospital Central Agreement and will be accepted as original. It is agreed that the preferred submission will be via the electronic grievance form.

- N - 3 Electronic grievance forms will be sent via email to Human Resources or the identified designate and copied to the applicable Manager.
- N - 4 The electronic typed signature of the Union Executive Representative or Labour Relations Officer will be accepted as the original signature.
- N - 5 The Union undertakes to get a copy of the electronic version signed by the individual grievor (if applicable), should the grievance proceed beyond the Step No. 2 Grievance Meeting.

ARTICLE O – ELECTRONIC PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WORKLOAD REPORT FORMS

The parties encourage the use of the electronic version of the Professional Responsibility Workload Report Form (PRWRF), and the electronic circulation thereof via email; see Article O-2.

The Employer will make the electronic PRWRF available to nurses, by posting an electronic template PRWRF to the Employer's intranet and the Staff Section of the Employer's public website; the same electronic PRWRF is also available via the ONA public website.

- O – 1 The parties agree that hard copy PRWRF (found at Appendix 6 of the Hospital Central Agreement) and or the electronic version PRWRF are both valid for purposes of Article 8 of the Hospital Central Agreement, and will be accepted as original.
- O – 2 Electronic PRWRFs may be sent, via email, to the applicable Manager or designate, with a concurrent copy also to be provided to Human Resources and the Union Bargaining Unit President.
- O – 3 The electronic typed signature(s) within the PRWRF will be accepted as the original signature(s).
- O – 4 The Union undertakes to get a copy of the electronic version PRWRF signed by the employee(s), if so requested by the Employer.
- O – 5 The parties agree to not use or rely upon any preliminary arguments related to the use of the electronic version PRWRF should a PRWRF proceed to an Independent Assessment Committee as per Article 8.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
RE: OPERATING ROOM STANDBY (“ON-CALL”)

For RN nursing staff required to work standby, the Employer agrees to implement the following:

1. Standby shifts shall be posted at the same time as the tour schedule.
2. The affected nurses shall attempt to self-schedule the standby assignments in compliance with the provisions of this Letter of Understanding and submit the proposed standby schedule to Management prior to the posting of the schedule. Standby shifts will be distributed equitably on the posted schedule amongst the qualified nurses who normally perform the work of the required unit; equitable distribution will also apply to the number of standby shifts assigned to weekends and paid holidays. Management will review to ensure that all shifts are covered, and that the Hospital's responsibility is met. Approval of the self-scheduling arrangement will not be unreasonably denied.
3. A nurse shall not be assigned more than seven (7) standby shifts in any twenty-eight (28) day period, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Hospital and the nurse.
4. A full-time nurse will not be scheduled for standby on a scheduled day off, and not on the day preceding an approved requested day off, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Hospital and the nurse.
5. Extra standby shifts will be offered, by seniority, first to the qualified nurses who normally perform the work of the required unit.
6. Nurses may exchange or give away standby shifts with the mutual consent of the nurses involved and the approval of the Immediate Supervisor.
7. The Hospital will make available a suitable resting area for nurses to use during a standby shift.
8. Where a nurse has been called in to work from standby and works greater than four (4) hours (worked time), such nurse shall be allowed leave without loss of earnings until they have received eight (8) hours off from work between the end of the standby shift and the start of their next regularly scheduled shift, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Hospital and the nurse; mutual agreement does not disentitle the nurse from premium payment. If the Hospital is unable to provide eight (8) hours of relief between the conclusion of the standby shift worked and the commencement of the nurse's next regularly scheduled shift, the nurse shall be paid a premium of time and one half (1.5 X) for all hours worked on the shift that immediately follows the worked standby shift until such time that the nurse would have received eight hours off from work.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
RE: 12 HOUR EXTENDED TOURS – 1100 - 2300

The Parties have agreed to the following terms for implementation of continental 1100-2300 tours in the Emergency Department.

1. Extended tours 1100-2300 will be introduced into the Emergency Department.
 2. All scheduling regulations in Article G will apply with the exception of G-4, G-10, G-16 and G-9.
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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
RE: NURSE PRACTITIONER

1. Role Descriptions and Scope of Practice Policies will include the Canadian Nurses CNO Entry to Practice Competencies and will be reviewed annually. Any proposed change to these directives impacting terms and conditions of employment will be reviewed with the Union. Specialty relevant skills, necessary to safely and effectively provide patient and family centered care, will be supported by the organization.
2. Nurse Practitioner 's hours of work will be established by the Nurse Practitioner's supervisor in consultation with the Nurse Practitioner, based on operational and patient needs.

In the event the Hospital makes changes to the scheduling pattern with regard to hours of work the Nurse Practitioners affected and the Union will be given at least two (2) months' notice of such change, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

3. Nurse Practitioners will self schedule to a flexible work schedule that will adjust their schedules to variations in client load. The number of hours worked per day to be consistent with the normal daily tour as defined by the Collective Agreement.
4. Nurse Practitioners may average their hours over a biweekly period to a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours. A Nurse Practitioner who works in excess of seventy-five (75) hours bi-weekly shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable premium rate in accordance with Article 14.01 of the Collective Agreement or may accumulate these hours at the rate of time and one-half for the purposes of taking the time in lieu at a time mutually agreed upon.

5. The Hospital recognizes that Nurse Practitioners have both clinical and non-clinical responsibilities.

Nurse Practitioners will devote approximately eighty percent (80%) of their time to clinical activities and approximately twenty percent (20%) to non-clinical/academic responsibilities, including (but not limited to):

research, quality improvement programs, hospital/professional leadership activities, maintaining academic appointments, and continuing education/professional development activities).

6. Nurse Practitioners will not be required to arrange for coverage for sick time or vacation but will work with the team and supervisor to identify strategies for the provision of patient care.
7. Nurse Practitioners, as part of formal Preceptorship duties may be asked to supervise students studying to become Nurse Practitioners. The hospital will pay the student supervision rate to the Nurse Practitioner.
8. Notwithstanding Article 9 it is understood that newly hired Nurse Practitioners will be provided with an orientation/mentorship that enables fulfillment of the Nurse Practitioner's Role Description, Scope of Practice Policies, and use of specialty relevant skills.
9. The Hospital agrees to recognize one employee from the Nurse Practitioner classification as a "unit representative" representing the Nurse Practitioners in accordance with Article 6.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
RE: G-3 SCHEDULES

The Parties have agreed to the following with regards to timelines for posted schedules.

Schedules shall be posted four (4) weeks in advance and shall cover "at least" an Eight (8) week period and not more than twelve (12) weeks save and except the Summer Schedule.

LOCAL SIGNING PAGE

DATED THIS “12th” DAY OF “October” 2023.

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