

KING FAHAD NATIONAL GUARD HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICES PROFILE

Nursing at King Fahad National Guard Hospital is rewarding, challenging and dynamic. Highly skilled and experienced nurses from 29 countries around the world come together as an International Nursing team to provide patient care. Nursing, as an integral part of the health care team, is committed to the effective delivery of professional nursing care to the clients we provide service - the members of the Saudi Arabian National Guard and their families.

Nurses at King Fahad are supported by the opportunities that exist for personal growth and recognition. An extensive general nursing orientation, followed by unit orientation is provided for all new members of our team to assist in their transition to an international setting. The Nursing Education Department has Clinical Instructors assigned to each nursing specialty to facilitate ongoing education and inservices. Continuing education units are provided to meet the licensure requirements for those nurses from countries where this is required. But behind all the technology and growth is the underlying element that makes King Fahad Hospital so spectacular...the way in which we care.

Exciting new changes are occurring this year; expansion of our NICU, Labor & Delivery and a PICU and new dental building are underway, and an Ambulatory Care Center is in the planning stages.

The Nursing Division is organized into four clinical specialties - Medical/Surgical, Women & Children, Specialty Care, and Ambulatory Care. We utilize a decentralized progressive management system, which uses the team approach to decision making.

Surgical services include general surgery, renal, kidney transplants, liver transplants, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, ENT, orthopedics and oral surgery. Medical services concentrate on diabetes, cardiovascular, renal and liver diseases, neurology and oncology services.

The Women & Children's Services are very active at the King Fahad Hospital. Presently there are 79 pediatric beds providing a wide range of care. The Labor & Delivery unit experiences over 600 births a month. This is supported by 3 nurseries, a 27 bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and a 20 bedded Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, which is scheduled to open August, 1996. There are 42 post-partum beds and ante-partum, gynecology/surgical wards.

Specialty Care consists of adult medical, surgical, coronary care and burn intensive care units, operating rooms, recovery room and a hemodialysis unit. All areas are equipped with the latest technology available in the Kingdom. The Renal Transplant and Liver Transplant programs have experienced growth and high success rates.

The members of the National Guard and their families also benefit from our ambulatory care services which covers all specialties in primary clinics. The clinics are located nearby with a specialty clinic and emergency room housing area of National Guard employees. A hospital based emergency room, trauma center and urgent care center provide services to 132,000 patients a year.

The commitment to quality improvement is system wide. Our active Quality Improvement Department ensures that clients receive the highest quality of care possible, because our care givers are part of the decision making in Quality Improvement. Multidisciplinary Porcess Improvement teams are empowered to resolve problems that effect patient care.

The Hospital provides fully furnished, comfortable living accomodations on one of our 7 housing compounds for all expatriate employees. Each compound has recreation centers with facilities for swimming, basketball, tennis as well as video and book libraries, sight seeing and shopping trips. Weekend trips to exciting cities in the Kingdom and other gulf countries are offered on a regular basis.

We invite you to join our International team of outstanding professionals - 'Come for the Adventure - Stay for the Challenge'.

OPERATIONS

The King Fahad National Guard Hospital consists of a 537 bed acute care hospital, 12 primary care clinics and one secondary care clinic located within the hospital perimeter. Seven housing complexes are located within the area. The Hospital currently employs over 4,000 employees. Employees are highly qualified and experienced professionals recruited from 29 countries worldwide.

The Hospital provides a full range of acute, tertiary, secondary and primary care services, both for in-patients and out-patients, together with all the professional, administrative, logistical and support services. All patient care facilities are located on the ground level, which covers 70,000 square meters of floor area. In-patient nursing units have between 25-30 beds and are clustered around a series of courtyards which have been attractively landscaped.

The Hospital offers a comprehensive scope of services, including most of the recognized medical and surgical specialties. These services are provided at a high level of professional standards as defined by the United States Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and the Hospital Operations Standards.

LOCATION

The King Fahad National Guard Hospital is located east of Riyadh, approximately 25 kilometers from the city center. Situated 2 kilometers south of the Riyadh-Dammam highway, its position makes it easily accessible to patients and creates a pleasant environment for staff.