

# What's New in Nursing and Health Care?

## Excellence

Ulrich, B.T., Lavandero, R., Hart, K., Wood, D., Leggett, J., & Taylor, D. (2007). Excellence makes a difference: Results of a national survey of critical care nurses. *Critical Care Nurse*, 27(3), 68-77.

Reports the results of a national survey of over 4300 critical care nurses. Found that indicators of healthy work environments and nurse job satisfaction were rated higher in work units and organizations that had achieved excellence designation (Magnet or Beacon) and in those pursuing such designations.

Ulrich, B.T., Buerhaus, P.I., Donelan, K., Norman, L., & Dittus, R. (2007). Magnet status and registered nurse views of the work environment and nursing as a career. *Journal of Nursing Administration*, 36(5), 212-220.

Reports the results of a national survey of RNs, which indicated that RNs in Magnet organizations and in organizations pursuing Magnet status reported more positive work environments and higher job satisfaction.

## Nursing Shortage

Auerbach, D.I., Buerhaus, P.I., & Staiger, D.O. (2007). Better late than never: Workforce supply implications of later entry into nursing. *Health Affairs*, 26(1), 178-185.

Updates estimates of the projected nursing shortage.

## Quality

Clark, P.A., Leddy, K., Drain, M., & Kaldenberg, D. (2007). State nursing shortages and patient satisfaction: More RNs – Better patient experiences. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*, 22(2), 119-127.

This study of 827,430 patients in 733 hospitals and 25 states found a significant positive relationship between the state's supply of RNs and patients' evaluations of their care experiences.

Kalish, B.J. (2006). Missed nursing care: A qualitative study. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*, 21(4), 306-313.

Studied the nursing care regularly missed on medical-surgical units and reasons for the missed care. Found nine elements of regularly missed care and seven themes relative to reasons nurses reported for missing the care.

Schmid, A., Hoffman, L., Happ, M.B., Wolf, G.A., & DeVita, M. (2007). Failure to rescue: A literature review. *Journal of Nursing Administration*, 37(4), 188-198.

Reviews the literature on failure to rescue and on its relationship to RN staffing.

Stone, P.W., Mooney-Kane, C., Larson, E., Horan, T., Glance, L.G., Zwanziger, J., & Dick, A.W. Nurse working conditions and patient safety outcomes. (2007). *Medical Care*, 45(6), 571-578.

Patients in units with higher RN staffing had lower incidence of central line associated bloodstream infections, ventilator-associated pneumonia, 30-day mortality, and decubiti. Increased overtime was associated with higher rates of catheter-associated urinary tract infections and decubiti.

Tourangeau, A.E., Doran, D.M., McGillis Hall, L., O'Brien Pallas, L., Pringle, D., Tu, J.V. & Cranley, L.A. (2007). Impact of hospital nursing care on 30-day mortality for acute medical patients. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 57(1), 32-44.

Reports results from a study of structures and processes of hospital care that influenced 30-day mortality rates for acute medical patients. Found that lower 30-day mortality rates were associated with a higher percentage of RN staff, a higher percentage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses, higher use of care maps/protocols, and higher nurse burnout, etc.

## Work Environments

Buerhaus, P.I., Donelan, K., Ulrich, B.T., DesRoches, C., & Dittus, R. (2007). Trends in the experiences of hospital-employed registered nurses: Results from three national surveys. *Nursing Economic\$, 25(2)*, 69-79.

Reports the results of the authors' most recent national survey of registered nurses views of the nursing shortage, the environments in which they work, and intent to stay/leave their present nursing positions. Compares these results to two previous surveys and discusses trends.

Ulrich, B.T., Lavandero, R., Hart, K., Wood, D., Leggett, J., & Taylor, D. (2006). Critical care nurses' work environments: A baseline status report. *Critical Care Nurse*, 26(5), 46-57.

Reports the results of a survey of over 4300 critical care nurses one year after the introduction of the AACN Healthy Work Environment Standards.

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