

Current awareness for Nursing

Recent guidelines and reports, future events and awards

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Guidelines

The following new guidance has recently been published:

[Falls prevention: cost-effective commissioning](#)

Public Health England (PHE);2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/falls-prevention-cost-effective-commissioning>

[A resource to help commissioners and communities provide cost-effective falls prevention activities. The return on investment tool pulls together evidence on the effectiveness and associated costs for interventions aimed at preventing falls in older people living in the community. The second report summarises the findings from a literature review carried out to identify cost-effective interventions.]

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[Venous thromboembolism in adults: reducing the risk in hospital.](#)

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE);2018.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs3>

[This quality standard covers reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in adults who are in hospital. VTE includes deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism. It covers people admitted as inpatients and those admitted to a hospital bed as day-case patients, including women who are pregnant and women after childbirth. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.]

[Venous thromboembolism in over 16s: reducing the risk of hospital-acquired deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism.](#)

NICE;2018.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89>

[This guideline covers assessing and reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE or blood clots) and deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in people aged 16 and over in hospital. It aims to help healthcare professionals identify people most at risk and describes interventions that can be used to reduce the risk of VTE.]

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Reports

The following report(s) may be of interest:

[NIHR Signal: A frailty checklist was completed in only a quarter of older people at hospital admission.](#)

NIHR Dissemination Centre; 2018.

<https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article?id=SIG-5000559>

[Frailsafe is a simple safety checklist offering the opportunity to improve safety and quality of care for frail older people while in hospital. It aims to increase key clinical assessments or practices on things like risk of falls, mobility and delirium, and to facilitate communication between staff. However, the relatively low

completion rate highlights the need to understand how this approach can be better embedded in the complex care that is typical of services provided for older people.]

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Articles

The following journal articles are available from the Library and Knowledge Service electronically or in print. Please follow links to access full text online, contact me to order copies, or call into the library.

[A nurse's duty to warn of risks extends to aftercare as well as initial consent.](#)

Griffith R. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5):276-277.

[The article examines the legal aspects of a nurse's responsibility to inform patients about potential health risks after treatment or surgery. It cites the example of the British Supreme Court case of Montgomery v. Lanarkshire Health Board that addresses issues related to patient participation in medical decision making and right to information.]

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[A review of isolation practices and procedures in healthcare settings.](#)

Gammon J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(3):137-140.

[There has been a shift away from isolation wards towards isolation in single rooms on general wards. For infections that are spread by the airborne, droplet or contact routes, placing the patient in single-room isolation is considered to be an important component of transmission-based precautions (TBPs). However, in practice isolation is complex and a number of challenges are involved in implementing IPC procedures.]

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[Addressing the multisectoral impact of pressure injuries in the USA, UK and abroad. \[Editorial\]](#)

Padula WV. *BMJ Quality & Safety* 2018;27(3):171 - 173.

[Pressure injuries are problematic to health systems throughout the world, significantly harming over 7 million patients and adding extraordinary costs.... The UK is no less affected by 700 000 cases per year that result in 27 000 deaths and cost the National Health Service (NHS) an estimated £1.4–£2.1 billion...]

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[Appealing a Nursing and Midwifery Council 'striking off' order.](#)

Symon A. *British Journal of Midwifery* 2017;25(12):810-811.

[The article discusses trauma to those under scrutiny in fitness to practice hearings by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).]

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[Communicating effectively with a person living with dementia.](#)

Mendes A. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):101-101.

[The article discusses research on effective communication with dementia patients, noting standards and guidelines. Topics include the Australian document "Dementia Care in the Acute Hospital Setting: Issues and Strategies," the effectiveness of the Dementia Care in Hospitals Program (DCHP) in Victoria, Australia, and a guide from the British National Health Service (NHS).]

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[Communication is a two-way street.](#)

Price-Dowd C. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(3):171-171.

[The author reflects on what it means to be an effective communicator and discusses how to develop two-way communication skills as a nursing professional. She comments on nurse-patient communication strategies and how to avoid isolating, confusing, or dismissing patients. Particular attention is given to honesty in communication and non-verbal communication.]

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[Conceptualisation and development of the Conversational Health Literacy Assessment Tool \(CHAT\).](#)

O'Hara J. *BMC Health Services Research* 2018;18(1):199.

[The aim of this study was to develop a tool to support health workers' ability to identify patients' multidimensional health literacy strengths and challenges. The tool was intended to be suitable for administration in healthcare settings where health workers must identify health literacy priorities as the basis for person-centred care.]

[Consistency of pressure injury documentation across interfacility transfers.](#)

Squitieri L. *BMJ Quality & Safety* 2018;27(3):182 - 189.

[Conclusions: The observed discordance in pressure injuries (PI) documentation and staging between transferring and receiving facilities may indicate inaccuracy of hospital-acquired pressure injuries (HAPIs) identification in claims data. Future research should evaluate the accuracy of hospital-reported present-on-admission (POA) data and its impact on PI quality measurement.]

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[Current thinking on catheter securement and infection prevention.](#)

Gabriel J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):S15-S16.

[The article discusses research on catheter securement to prevent infections and other complications. Topics include the significance of vascular access device (VAD) or central venous access device (CVAD) placement as part of nursing, infection risks due to suturing and the importance of sterile dressing use.]

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[Exploring the differential impact of individual and organizational factors on organizational commitment of physicians and nurses.](#)

Miedaner F. *BMC Health Services Research* 2018;18(1):180.

[Based on recent findings in the literature and the results of a pilot study, we investigate the degree to which selected individual and organizational characteristics might enhance an employee's affective commitment working in the field of neonatal intensive care. Moreover, our aim is to examine the different antecedent-commitment relationships across the occupational groups of nurses and physicians.]

[Factors that influence nurses' assessment of patient acuity and response to acute deterioration.](#)

Dalton M. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(4):212-218.

[Nurses play a crucial role in the early recognition and management of the deteriorating patient. They are responsible for the care they provide to their patients, part of which is the monitoring of vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate and temperature), which are fundamental in the surveillance of deterioration. The aim of this study was to discover what factors influence how nurses assess patient acuity and their response to acute deterioration.]

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[Hospital culture and clinical performance: where next'. \[Editorial\]](#)

Mannion R. *BMJ Quality & Safety* 2018;27(3):179 - 181.

[Contemporary health policies frequently invoke notions of 'culture' and 'cultural change' as levers for achieving performance improvement and good-quality healthcare. But it has remained unclear whether talk of culture is largely empty rhetoric or whether framing healthcare organisations in 'cultural' terms offers useful insights that might improve organisational processes and outcomes of care.]

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[How guiding coalitions promote positive culture change in hospitals: a longitudinal mixed methods interventional study.](#)

Bradley EH. *BMJ Quality & Safety* 2018;27(3):218 - 225.

[Background: Quality collaboratives are widely endorsed as a potentially effective method for translating and spreading best practices for acute myocardial infarction (AMI) care... We sought to understand what distinguished hospitals that succeeded in shifting culture and reducing 30-day risk-standardised mortality rate (RSMR) after AMI through their participation in the Leadership Saves Lives (LSL) collaborative.]
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[Improving adherence to Standard Precautions for the control of health care-associated infections.](#)

Moralejo D. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2018;(2):CD010768.

[Review authors identified a variety of strategies, most of which involved education of healthcare workers alone or with an additional strategy. It is unclear which strategy or combination of strategies is most effective for improving healthcare workers' adherence to Standard Precautions or their knowledge of Standard Precautions, or for reducing colonisation (potential infection) rates, as we found little evidence.]
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[Improving student nurses' confidence in managing the acutely ill patient.](#)

Smith J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(3):124-129.

[The Acute Illness Management (AIM) course was introduced into NHS trusts across Greater Manchester in 2002/03 for registered nurses. In preparation for the transition from student to registered nurse, the AIM course was then included in the final year of the undergraduate nursing programme. The aim of this study was to evaluate the impact of the AIM course on student nurses' confidence in managing the acutely ill patient.]

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[Making all routes into nursing attractive.](#)

Foster S. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):109-109.

[The article discusses the encouragement of students to pursue nursing as a profession. Topics include the demand for nurses due to a shortage in Great Britain, issues related to higher education funding and student loans, and the technical qualifications (T-level) system in British education. Apprenticeship programs are addressed.]

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[Managing the costs of clinical negligence within hospital trusts.](#)

Tingle J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):102-103.

[The article discusses the management of the costs of clinical negligence in British hospital trusts. Topics include legal costs related to medical negligence in Great Britain, a report from the British House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts, and factors in the culture of the British National Health Services (NHS) related to legal costs.]

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[Meeting the care needs of a person with dementia who is distressed.](#)

Mendes A. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(4):219-219.

[The author discusses hospital care of dementia patients and ways to ease their distress. She mentions the lack of knowledge in dealing with dementia patients, ways to act with a dementia patient, and the need to identify dementia patients as soon as possible to make treating them somewhat easier.]

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[Multidisciplinary analysis of invasive meningococcal disease as a framework for continuous quality and safety improvement in regional Australia.](#)

Taylor K. *BMJ Quality Improvement Reports* 2018;7(1):doi.org/10.1136/bmjqr-2017-000077.

[Baseline assessment of Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD) cases identified inadequate triage, lack of senior clinician review, inconsistent vital sign recording and laboratory delays as common issues. Instead of using root cause analysis, a multidisciplinary group (MRG) was established to routinely review

management of all IMD cases and disseminate the findings to clinicians and managers. Improvements in care were achieved, for example, median antibiotic delay decreased from 72 to 42 min.]

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[Never events in the NHS.](#)

Tingle J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(3):166-167.

[The article provides an overview of the British National Health Service's (NHS) Never Events policy and framework which reviews preventable patient safety incidents. Noted examples of never events include wrong site surgery, wrong implant, and retained foreign object post procedure. Particular attention is given to financial punitive measures against those committing never events under NHS guidelines.]

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[NHS compensations payouts: balancing the issues.](#)

Tingle J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(4):222-223.

[The author discusses the rising cost of medical negligence suits against the National Health Service (NHS) of Great Britain. He mentions NHS plans to revise the negligence process and assessment of damages, the need for improved patient safety, and the importance of broad policy development to prevent problems in the future.]

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[Organisational culture: why is it important?](#)

Scammell J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5):263-263.

[The author comments on the importance of organizational culture in the healthcare industry and its effects on student experiences and the quality of care provision. She discusses six aspects of organizational culture including daily routine, organizational structures, and power structures. Particular attention is given to how culture can influence the behavior of an organization's members as well as the work environment.]

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[Patient pathway: the ideal approach.](#)

Corless L. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(Supplement 3):S14-S19.

[Hepatic encephalopathy (HE) can be a devastating complication of cirrhosis, affecting patients and their families. Multidisciplinary community and specialist teams must work together with patients and their families to recognise HE, identify and treat problems early, and minimise time spent unwell or in hospital. This article discusses strategies that can be used in primary and secondary care to help teams deliver excellent practice in HE management.]

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[Preventing skin damage and incontinence-associated dermatitis in older people.](#)

Yates A. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):76-77.

[The article discusses the prevention of skin damage and dermatitis related to incontinence in older people. Topics include risk factors for urinary and bowel incontinence in older people, the multifaceted nature of incontinence-associated dermatitis (IAD), and the use of barrier products to protect skin in older people suffering from incontinence.]

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[Royal College of Nursing's Standards for Infusion Therapy: an overview.](#)

Nicholson J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):S12-S1.

[The article discusses nursing standards in the fourth edition of the book "Standards for Infusion Therapy" by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN). Topics include the relation of the standards to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, a section of the standards on parenteral nutrition (PN), and a section on service development.]

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[Self-rostering can improve work–life balance and staff retention in the NHS.](#)

Barrett R. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5):264-265.

[The authors present their thoughts on how health organizations can benefit from e-rostering (ESR), an electronic roster system designed to help nurse managers produce more effective rosters incorporating working requests of staff and meeting organizational needs. Particular attention is given to self-rostering that provides better work-life balance for staff members while letting nurse managers maintain control of scheduling.]

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[Sharing the results of a patient satisfaction audit.](#)

Walker K. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5):S4-S14.

[Regular service audits since 2008 gave a stoma care department confidence in the service it provides. In 2016 the department undertook a new audit to benchmark its services, using the Association of Stoma Care Nurses (ASCN) UK Revised Stoma Care Nursing Standards and Audit Tool (2015). The audit highlights the importance of clarity when developing a questionnaire to ensure all respondents not only interpret its meaning in the same way, but also only answer the questions specific to them.]

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[Source isolation and patient wellbeing in healthcare settings.](#)

Gammon J. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):88-91.

[Multi-resistant bacteria pose an increasing and significant challenge to public health. Isolation precautions in patients with multi-drug-resistant bacteria and other communicable infectious agents can be associated with adverse effects. Although few would dispute the need for such practices in preventing the spread of transmissible infections, patients' perspectives of isolation suggest that the imposed environment creates barriers to their physical, social and emotional needs.]

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[Support surfaces for pressure ulcer prevention: A network meta-analysis.](#)

Shi C. *PloS One* 2018;13(2):e0192707.

[This is the first network meta-analysis of the effects of support surfaces for pressure ulcer prevention. Powered active air-surfaces probably reduce pressure ulcer incidence, but are probably less comfortable than standard hospital surfaces. Most prevention evidence was of low or very low certainty, and more research is required to reduce these uncertainties.]

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[The impact of nurse managers' leadership styles on ward staff.](#)

Saleh U. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(4):197-203.

[Leadership style is related to job satisfaction, staff retention, costs, and quality of care. The leadership styles of managers can be crucial in the healthcare setting, but very few studies have focused on them. This study employed qualitative methodology, involving 35 nurses working in different specialties of a medical city in Saudi Arabia. Data collection consisted of completing demographic and professional information and a semi-structured interview using open-ended questions.]

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[The risk of microbial contamination associated with six different needle-free connectors.](#)

Casey AL. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):S18-S26.

[The aim of this study was to identify any differences between microbial ingress into six different connectors (three neutral-displacement, one negative-displacement and two anti-reflux connectors). The findings suggest that there may be differences in the risk of internal microbial contamination with different types of connectors and that even 15 seconds of decontamination may not fully eradicate microorganisms from the injection ports of some devices.]

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[Updating the National Early Warning Score algorithm: saving more lives.](#)

Glasper A. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5):272-273.

[The article provides information the British Royal College of Physicians (RCP) National Early Warning Score (NEWS 2) algorithm designed to improve the detection of and response to deteriorating patients with acute illnesses. It covers the standardization of the process of recording, scoring, and responding to changes that was created by NEWS.]

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[Using the care hours per patient day tool: one hospital's experience.](#)

Giannasi A. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(3):156-160.

[This article examines one hospital's journey to improve the way in which the nursing workforce was used. With the introduction of the care hours per patient day, a new rota management system, and a review of the establishment tool used, the hospital has developed a way of real time tracking of nursing time against patient care needs on a ward-by-ward basis. The trust also used a newly developed establishment tool to triangulate and articulate particular patient care requirements.]

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[Ward staff perceptions of the role of the advanced nurse practitioner in a 'hospital at day' setting.](#)

Halliday S. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(2):92-97.

[This article aims to examine ward staff perceptions on the role of the 'hospital at day' advanced nurse practitioner (ANP). This term is used locally to refer to a model first introduced into 'hospital at night' teams, in response to changes in working patterns of junior doctors, where an advanced nurse practitioner is based on the ward—the model was subsequently rolled out to daytime teams. Participants were interviewed individually using semi-structured interviews.]

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[What is the effect of exercise on wound healing in patients with venous leg ulcers? A systematic review.](#)

Smith D. *International Wound Journal* 2018;;doi: 10.1111/iwj.12885..

[We have conducted a systematic review to examine the effects of exercise on wound characteristics, including time to heal, size and recurrence, pain, quality of life, adverse events, and economic outcomes.]

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[Which resources are most helpful to support development of an ePortfolio?](#)

Ryan JA. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5):266-271.

[This study evaluates the benefit of resources available in developing and maintaining an undergraduate nursing student ePortfolio. A mixed-methods approach was taken during 2016, using an internet polling tool. The quantitative data identified that the most beneficial resource was the student workshops facilitated by student academic mentors (SAMs).]

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[Winter pressures and a safety checklist.](#)

Foster S. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(3):177-177.

[The article presents an overview of Great Britain's Emergency Department Safety Checklist, also known as the SHINE checklist, designed to standardize and improve systematic delivery of care in hospital emergency departments (EDs). The author discusses implementation strategies and cites examples of how the checklist has improved medical reviews, safety, and teamwork in British EDs.]

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Events

[Eighth annual leadership and management summit: transforming the future of health and social care.](#)

[This summit will give a greater understanding of: what motivates individuals to be involved; what enables large-scale change; what can hinder progress and how to deal with this; what we can learn from leaders in other sectors. (See website for attendance cost)]

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[Florence Nightingale Foundation Annual Conference](#). Call for abstracts. Closes 16th April
<https://fnfconference.co.uk/posters/abstract>

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