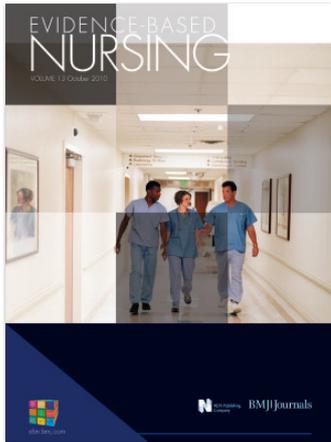


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- 116 Small survey finds that new mothers use self-care approaches to manage fatigue more often than other strategies such as seeking help from others

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- 101 Use of oral contraceptives is not associated with increased risk of death in the UK; a net benefit in all-cause mortality was seen in ever users versus never users – RR 0.88, 95% CI 0.82 to 0.93

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- 102 Increasing nurse staffing levels in cardiac surgery centres appears to be a cost effective patient safety intervention

Prevalence

- 103 Nineteen per cent of paediatric inpatient medication orders were associated with administration errors and 13.2% had prescribing errors in five London hospitals
- 104 National survey shows the majority of nurses use very little research in the first 2 years after their graduation, highlighting a gap between research and clinical practice
- 105 US survey finds higher availability of palliative care programs, palliative physicians and consultation teams and palliative outpatient services in National Cancer Institute centres compared to non-NCI centres
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- 108 Survey finds only 15% of emergency departments have formal alcohol screening and intervention policies for trauma patients

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- 111 Nurses rate readiness for discharge higher than patients do, and nurses scores predict readmission or ED utilisation after discharge better than patient self-assessment

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