

## Nursing care quality and adverse events in US hospitals.

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[Interruptions](#) and other [work system failures](#) often prevent nurses from completing essential patient care tasks. This study, a secondary analysis of data from a seminal [article](#), found that failure to complete nursing care was linked to an increased risk of a broad range of adverse events. This finding is corroborated by another recent [study](#) that tied interruptions during medication administration to an increased risk of medication errors. While inadequate [nurse staffing ratios](#) increase safety risks, this study reinforces the necessity of also [transforming nurses' work environment](#) in order to reduce preventable adverse events.