

## **Improving clinical handover between intensive care unit and general ward professionals at intensive care unit discharge.**

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This systematic review revealed that limited evidence exists exploring [handoffs](#) from intensive care units to general wards, and most of the studies identified were of low quality. Two promising interventions include employing liaison nurses working across multiple settings and [structured communication](#), which has been shown to improve handoffs. The authors advocate for these interventions to be tested widely in rigorous studies to determine their effectiveness.