

## Change-of-shift nursing handoff interruptions: implications for evidence-based practice.

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[Nursing handoffs](#) at change of shift are critical for nurses to exchange information about patients; disruptions have been associated with [adverse events](#). After observing 100 nurse-to-nurse handoffs and conducting four focus groups, authors identified multiple sources of [disruptions](#) including those by patients and family members, which accounted for half the interruptions outside of the nurse handoff dyad. Nurses identified some interruptions as valuable and relevant to patient care.