

Do falls and other safety issues occur more often during handovers when nurses are away from patients? Findings from a retrospective study design.

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Little [empirical evidence](#) exists assessing the association of different nursing [handoff styles](#) with patient outcomes. This retrospective study examined the incidence of falls during nursing [handovers](#) performed in designated rooms away from patients (to ensure confidentiality and prevent interruptions and distractions). No differences in the incidence of falls or fall severity during handovers performed away from patients versus non-handover times were identified.