

Care quality, patient safety, and nurse outcomes at hospitals serving economically disadvantaged patients: a case for investment in nursing.

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Health care [work environments](#) can influence safety culture and teamwork. This study used multiyear survey data from registered nurses in 503 hospitals across four states to explore the association between [nurse work environment](#) and healthcare quality, [patient safety](#), and patient outcomes. Findings indicate that nurse work environment (such as nurse participation in hospital affairs, nurse manager capability, leadership support, and nurse-physician relationships) is an important factor to improving the experiences of patients and nurses, especially those in hospitals caring for economically disadvantaged patients.