

## The impact of rationing nursing care on patient safety: a systematic review.

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[Incomplete nursing care](#) can decrease [patient satisfaction](#) and [threaten](#) patient safety. This systematic review including 15 studies found that rationing of nursing care (i.e., intentional withholding or delay in essential nursing care) [adversely](#) impacts patient safety, contributing to higher incidence of falls, medication errors, pressure injuries, and healthcare-associated infections. The authors of the review discuss several hospital characteristics (i.e., workload, staffing levels, experience) that contribute to rationing of nursing care.