

Author (year)	Country	Aim	Study design	Population	Setting	Sample size	Instrument	Influencing factors	(statistical) analysis	Corrected	Results	Outcomes	(statistical) analysis	Corrected	Results
Anzai, Douglas, and Bonner [85]	Japan	To describe Japanese hospital nurses' perceptions of the nursing practice environment and examine its association with nurse-reported ability to provide quality nursing care, quality of patient care, and ward morale.	Cross-sectional	Nurses working in acute inpatient wards	12 acute-care (i.e., medical, surgical, and mixed) inpatient wards in a large teaching hospital in the middle of Japan	n=223	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI (Japanese version)	Occupation (ward nurse manager or staff nurse) Ward morale Ward morale	t-test Pearson's correlation Hierarchical regression	Demographics (gender, years working as a nurse, education), work characteristics (position, shift type, number of total shifts, percentage of day shifts, hours of overtime work, number of patients in day shifts), and PES-NWI subscales (nurse participation in hospital affairs, nursing foundations for quality of care, nurse manager ability, leadership, and support of nurses, collegial nurse-physician relations)	NS r=0.33, p<0.01 β=0.17, p=0.03	Ability to provide quality nursing care Quality of patient care Ability to provide quality nursing care	Pearson's correlation Hierarchical regression	Demographics (gender, years working as a nurse, education), work characteristics (position, shift type, number of total shifts, percentage of day shifts, hours of overtime work, number of patients in day shifts), and PES-NWI subscales (nurse participation in hospital affairs, nursing foundations for quality of care, nurse manager ability, leadership, and support of nurses, collegial nurse-physician relations)	NS r=0.29, p<0.01 NS
Asiret, Kapucu, Kose, Kurt, and Ersoy [83]	Turkey	To determine the effect of the factors affecting nurses' work environment and the work environment itself on the satisfaction of nurses	Cross-sectional	Nurses	A university hospital in Ankara	n=327	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI	Educational level Professional experience Age Gender Working duration in unit Work unit	t-test ** ** ** ** ANOVA		t=2.392, p=0.017 t=3.049, p=0.002 NS NS NS NS	Quality of patient care	** **		β=0.18, p=0.02
Bachnick, Aussenhofer, Baerndt, and Simon [60]	Switzerland	To describe patient-centered care in Swiss acute care hospitals and to explore the associations with nurse work environment factors and implicit rationing of nursing care.	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses	Medical, surgical and mixed units of Swiss acute care hospitals	n=2073 patient n=1810 nurses	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI					Patient-centered care (PCC): Easy to understand Sufficient information Involved in decision Treatment & care adapted	Generalized linear mixed model ** ** ** **	Patient characteristics (age, gender, language, levels of education)	β=0.486, CI 0.06 - 0.91, p<0.05 β=0.638, CI 0.30 - 0.98, p<0.001, β=0.351, CI 0.03 - 0.67, p<0.05 β=0.456, CI 0.04 - 0.87, p<0.05
Bae, Brewer, Kelly, and Spencer [49]	U.S.	To examine the nature and prevalence of the use of temporary nursing staff in intensive care units and relationships between the use of temporary nursing staff and the occurrence of nosocomial infections (central line-associated blood stream infections and ventilator-associated pneumonia).	Retrospective, longitudinal, secondary analysis	Staff nurses	12 intensive care units at six hospitals	n=144 ICU-month data points n=88 for staffing and resource adequacy	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI	Total temporary nursing care hours per patient day RN temporary nursing care hours per patient day	ANOVA **		NS NS	Occurrence of central line-associated blood stream infection (CLABS) model 1 CLABS model 2 Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) model 1 VAP model 2	Logistic regression ** ** **	Total temporary nursing staff, Nursing unit covariates (RN care hours, UAP care hours, nursing professional skill mix, unit size and work environment characteristics) RN temporary nursing staff, Nursing unit covariates Total temporary nursing staff, Nursing unit covariates RN temporary nursing staff, Nursing unit covariates	OR=0.050, p<0.01 OR=0.069, p<0.01 OR=0.215, p<0.01 OR=0.166, p<0.01
Bragadóttir, Kállisch, and Tryggvadóttir [62]	Iceland	To identify the contribution of hospital, unit, staff characteristics, staffing adequacy and teamwork to missed nursing care in Iceland hospitals.	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses and practical nurses	27 medical, surgical and intensive care inpatient units in eight hospitals in Iceland	n=527	MISSCARE Survey					Missed nursing care Missed nursing care Missed nursing care	ANOVA Hierarchical regression **	Unit type, role, age Unit type, role, age, teamwork	F(3,514) = 6.099, p<0.001 PAS 75%; NS PAS 50%; NS PAS 0-25%; NS PAS 75%; NS PAS 50%; NS PAS 0-75%; NS
Bragadóttir, Kállisch, and Tryggvadóttir [79]	Iceland	To examine the extent to which staffing adequacy predicts nursing teamwork, controlling for demographic and background variables.	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses, practical nurses, nurse unit managers and unit secretaries	All inpatient medical, surgical and intensive care units in Iceland	n=567	Nursing Teamwork Survey	Overall teamwork Trust Team orientation Backup Shared mental models Team leadership Overall teamwork	t-test ** ** ** ** ** ** Linear regression	Unit type, role, experience on unit, intent to leave	p<0.001 p<0.001 p<0.05 p<0.001 p<0.001 p<0.001 p<0.001 B=0.17, SE=0.04, B=0.16, p<0.001				





Eizobar-Aguilar et al. [84]	Spain	To analyze the relationship between the work environment and burnout of nurses and the quality of care for patient safety at the Spanish National Health System Hospitals included in SENECA and RNACAST studies.	Secondary analysis	Staff nurses	24 hospitals of more than 150 beds	n= 984 patient records n= 1469 patient surveys n= 1886 professional surveys from SENECA project, n=2139 nurse surveys from	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI		Pain	Pearson's correlation		r = -0.435, p = 0.03	
Fuentelsaz-Gallego, Moreno-Casbas, Gomez-Garcia, and Gonzalez-Maria [65]	Spain	To know if there are differences between the critical care units and the medical-surgical care units regarding the perception of the nurses working in National Health System hospitals about their work environment, burnout level and job satisfaction	Cross-sectional	Nurses	Medical-surgical, and critical care units from 59 Spanish hospitals with more than 150 beds	n=7539	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI (Spanish version)	Setting (medical-surgical or critical care)	t-test			p<0.001	
Gunnarsdóttir, Clarke, Rafferty, and Nutbeam [66]	Iceland	To investigate aspects of nurses' work environments linked with job outcomes and assessments of quality of care in an Icelandic hospital.	Cross-sectional	Nurses	a 900-bed university hospital, the largest tertiary health centre in Iceland	n=695	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the NWI-R (Q1-Q4) (Icelandic version)			Satisfaction with current job	Logistic regression	Nurse characteristics and specialities	OR 2.23, CI 1.63-3.05, p<0.001
										Satisfaction with current job	**	Nurse characteristics and specialities, nurse-physician relations, unit-level support, philosophy of practice, hospital-level support	OR 1.47, CI 1.02-2.10, p<0.05
										Emotional exhaustion	Generalized linear modelling	Nurse characteristics and specialities	β -3.95, p<0.001
										Emotional exhaustion	**	Nurse characteristics and specialities, nurse-physician relations, unit-level support, philosophy of practice, hospital-level support	β -3.45, p<0.001
										Nurse-rated quality of patient care	Logistic regression	Nurse characteristics and specialities	OR 2.16, CI 1.53-3.04, p<0.001
										Nurse-rated quality of patient care	**	Nurse characteristics and specialities, nurse-physician relations, unit-level support,	NS
Hegney et al. [91]	Australia	To explore nurses' perceptions of factors affecting workloads and their impact on patient care	Exploratory, descriptive, cross-sectional	Membership of the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union employed as a regulated or un-regulated nurse and/or midwife	Public (acute hospital, community, and other public health), private (acute hospital, domiciliary, community, and other private) and aged care (public and private) sectors	n=2397	Workload perceptions survey	Sector	Chi-square and Fisher exact test			Number: $\chi^2 = 93.60$ , $df = 12$ , $p < 0.001$ Skill mix: $\chi^2 = 78.01$ , $df = 12$ , $p < 0.001$	
Heinen et al. [76]	Belgium, Finland, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom	To determine factors associated with nurses' intention to leave the profession across European countries.	Cross-sectional	Nurses	2025 surgical and medical units from 385 hospitals in ten European countries	n=23159	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI			Intention to leave nursing (Germany)	Multilevel analysis	Five subscales of the PES-NWI, Patient to nurse staffing ratio on unit level, burnout, quality of care, safety of care, hospital size, age, gender, working full-time or part-time, educational level, country and hospital-unit	OR=0.66, CI 0.47-0.92, p<0.05
										Intention to leave nursing (other countries)	**		NS
Jafree, Zakar, Zakar, and Fischer [88]	Pakistan	To investigate the association between organizational culture and the culture of error reporting, as perceived by nurses.	Cross-sectional data, mixed methodology	Registered female nurses, including nurse supervisors, nurse ward heads, nurse instructors, staff nurses and nurse students	Two tertiary care public sector hospitals from Lahore	n=309	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI	Error reporting culture	Pearson's correlation			r=0.630, p<0.01	
								Governance	**			r=0.591, p<0.01	
								Nurse participation in hospital affairs	**			r=0.715, p<0.01	
								Nurse manager ability, leadership and support	**			r=0.676, p<0.01	
								Nurse foundations for quality care	**			r=0.614, p<0.01	
								Nurse coworker relations	**			r=0.710, p<0.01	
								Higher error reporting culture	**			OR 7.83, CI 4.64-13.22, p<0.001	
								Higher error reporting culture	Logistic regression			AOR 7.86, CI 4.18-14.76, p<0.001	
Jolivet et al. [67]	France	To test the hypothesis that some organisational constraints at the work-unit level may be related to depressive symptoms in hospital workers, either directly or through individual perceptions of effort-reward imbalance (ERI).	Cross-sectional results of a longitudinal survey	Female registered nurses and nursing aids	Medicine (including geriatric, psychiatric and paediatric units), surgery, and emergency or intensive care units of teaching hospitals	n=3316	Staffing inadequacy to perform duties subscale of the Nursing Work Index - Extended Organisation	Occupation (nursing aid or RN)	Multivariable regression t-test	Nurse age, nurse literacy, nurse monthly income			RN OR=0.20, CI 0.09-p<0.01 NA OR=0.22, CI 0.05-p<0.01 NS OR=0.16, CI 0.05-p<0.01 OR=0.98, p<0.001 OR=1.38, p<0.001
										Depressive symptoms	Multilevel analysis	NWI-EO, age, profession, speciality of the work unit, work schedule	NS OR=0.16, CI 0.05-p<0.01 OR=0.98, p<0.001 OR=1.38, p<0.001
										Depressive symptoms	**	NWI-EO, age, profession, speciality of the work unit, work schedule	NS
										Depressive symptoms	**	** ERI model	OR=0.16, CI 0.05-p<0.01
										Effort-reward imbalance	**	NWI-EO	OR=0.98, p<0.001
										Effort-reward imbalance	**	NWI-EO, age, profession, speciality of the work unit, work schedule	OR=1.38, p<0.001

Author(s)	Country	Objective	Design	Participants	Setting	Intervention/Exposure	Analysis	Outcomes	Results			
Kalisch and Lee [37]	U.S.	To examine the relationship among hospital, patient units, and staff characteristics and nursing teamwork	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses, licensed practical nurse, nursing assistants, nursing leaders, and unit secretaries	95 patient care units in six hospitals in Michigan and California	Nursing Teamwork Survey	Teamwork	Linear regression	Hospital effects, nursing role, Full-time equivalency, shift worked, years of experience in the unit, absenteeism, unit type	$\beta=0.13, t=10.02, p<0.00$		
									Trust	**	$\beta=0.17, p<0.01$	
									Team orientation	**	$\beta=0.13, p<0.01$	
									Backup	**	$\beta=0.21, p<0.01$	
Kalisch, Lee, and Rochman [39]	U.S.	To explore the influence of unit characteristics, staff characteristics and teamwork on job satisfaction with current position and occupation	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, assistive personnel and unit secretaries	Four Midwestern hospitals, one Southern hospital and 80 different patient care units	Nursing Teamwork Survey	Team leadership roles	Linear regression	Satisfaction with the current position	p<0.001		
									Satisfaction with the current position	**	p<0.001	
									Satisfaction with the current position	**	$\beta=0.36, p<0.001$	
									Satisfaction with the current position	**	$\beta=0.30, p<0.001$	
Kalisch, Tschannen, and Lee [52]	U.S.	To explore the impact of missed nursing care (required patient care that is omitted) on job satisfaction of nursing personnel.	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses and nursing assistants	Ten midwestern hospitals	MISSCARE Survey	Job satisfaction	Linear regression	Hospital effects, missed care, age, type of unit, hospital	$\beta=0.326, p<0.001$		
									Occupation dissatisfaction	Logistic regression	Hospital effects, gender, job title, education	OR = 1.49, CI 1.35-1.64
									Missed nursing care	Multiple regression	Hospital effects, constant, ssk, age, job title, shift worked, years of experience in the role, absenteeism, number of patients cared for	$\beta=0.104, p<0.000$
									Missed nursing care	Multiple regression	Hospital effects, constant, ssk, age, job title, shift worked, years of experience in the role, absenteeism, number of patients cared for	$\beta=0.104, p<0.000$
Kalisch, Friese, Choi & Rochman [59]	U.S.	To examine empirically the correlations among 3 measures of nurse staffing (nurse-reported patient workload on the last shift, nurse-perceived staffing adequacy, and hours of care per patient day) and to identify characteristics associated with these measures	Cross-sectional, correlational	Registered nurses	Medical-surgical, rehabilitation, and intermediate in 11 acute care hospitals	MISSCARE Survey	Nurse-reported patient load, last shift	Pearson's correlation	r=-0.384, p<0.01			
									Unexpected rise in patient volume and/or acuity	**	r=-0.288, p<0.01	
									Inadequate number of assistive personnel	**	r=-0.426, p<0.01	
									HPPD	**	NS	
Kim et al. [53]	U.S.	To examine association between perceived inadequate staffing and musculoskeletal pain and to evaluate the role of work-related psychosocial and physical work factors in the association among hospital patient care workers	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and patient care/nursing assistants with direct patient care responsibilities	Two large academic hospitals in the metropolitan Boston area	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the NWR-R (Q1-Q4)	Response set is frequency on a 5 point scale (always - never)	Multivariable linear regression	Hospital effects	$r^2=0.105, p=0.044$		
									HPPD, CMI	**	$r^2=0.041, p=0.342$	
									HPPD, CMI, Nursing education<math>\geq</math>BSN	**	$r^2=0.036, p=0.275$	
									HPPD, CMI, Nursing education<math>\geq</math>BSN	**	$r^2=0.338, p=0.000$	

Leineweber et al. [68]	Sweden	To investigate associations between nurse work practice environment measured at department level and individual level work-family conflict on burnout, measured as emotional exhaustion, depersonalization and personal accomplishment among Swedish RNs.	Cross-sectional	Registered nurses	369 departments in 53 hospitals	n=8620	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI		Risk for emotional exhaustion	Multilevel logistic regression	Department level variables (NWI-PES variables)	OR=0.724 CI 0.684-0.766, p<0.001
											Department level variables and individual variables (age, sex, baccalaureate degree in nursing, years of experience as RN, work-family conflict)	OR=0.733 CI 0.693-0.775, p<0.001
									Depersonalization		Department level variables	OR=0.856 CI 0.782-0.937, p<0.05
											Department level variables and individual variables	OR=0.884 CI 0.788-0.948, p<0.05
									Personal accomplishment		Department level variables	OR=0.883 CI 0.882-0.950, p<0.001
											Department level variables and individual variables	OR=0.888 CI 0.824-0.957, p<0.05
Lin, Chiang, and Chen [89]	Taiwan	To compare the differences between nurses with intent to leave and those with intent to stay in employment and nursing regarding their perceptions of the practice environment in Taiwan.	Cross-sectional	Nurses	Four hospitals in southern Taiwan: one medical center, one regional hospital, and two local hospitals	n=524	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI (Chinese version)		Intention to stay in employment	t-test		t=4.4, p<0.001
									Intent to leave and stay in nursing			t=5.9, p<0.001
Louch, O'Hara, Gardner and O'Connor [77]	U.K.	To examine nurses' daily perceptions of staffing and patient safety and to explore the potential role of personality factors as moderators of daily level associations	Longitudinal	Staff nurses	Acute NHS Trusts	n= 324 diary days (for 83 participants)	Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture		Perceptions of patient safety	Hierarchical linear model		p<0.001
									Safe practitioner			p<0.001
									Workplace cognitive failure			p<0.001
									Safe practitioner (at high level of agreeableness)			$\beta=0.139$ , p<0.001
									Safe practitioner (at low level of agreeableness)			$\beta=0.245$ , p<0.001
									Perceptions of patient safety (at high level of emotional stability)			$\beta=0.666$ , p<0.001
									Perceptions of patient safety (at low level of emotional stability)			$\beta=0.409$ , p<0.001
									Safe practitioner (at high level of conscientiousness)			$\beta=0.151$ , p<0.001
									Safe practitioner (at low level of conscientiousness)			$\beta=0.226$ , p<0.001
Mark, Salyer and Harless [58]	U.S.	To examine the impact of hospital characteristics, nursing unit characteristics, nurse characteristics, and patient characteristics on nurses' perceptions of staffing adequacy.	Secondary analysis, cross-sectional and longitudinal	Registered nurses	60 hospitals in the Southeastern United States	Nurses n=1583 (time 1) n=1023 (time 2) Patient n=1231 (time 1) n=1235 (time 2)	Perceptions of staffing adequacy	Time 1: Number of high technology services Case mix index Skill mix Workload Unit size Time 2: Number of high technology services Number of beds on the unit	Correlation			r=0.216, p=0.018 r=0.205, p=0.024 r=0.204, p=0.025 r=-0.221, p=0.015 r=-0.231, p=0.011 r=0.278, p=0.002 r=-0.309, p=0.001
								Model 1: cross-sectional Hospital (case mix index, case mix index squared), hospital size ("high tech" services, teaching status, life cycle - grower, life cycle - decliner, life cycle - unstable), unit (total staff, skill mix, workload, number of beds, support services, patient technology, education, life cycle - grower, life cycle - decliner, life cycle - unstable), nurse, (experience, age), patient (age)	Regression model			r <sup>2</sup> =0.348, p<0.000
								Model 2: delayed effects Hospital (case mix index, case mix index squared), hospital size ("high tech" services, teaching status, life cycle - grower, life cycle - decliner, life cycle - unstable), unit (total staff, skill mix, workload, number of beds, support services, patient technology, education, life cycle - grower, life cycle - decliner, life cycle - unstable), nurse, (experience, age)				r <sup>2</sup> =0.325, p<0.000
								Model 3: dynamic model Hospital (case mix index, case mix index squared), hospital size ("high tech" services, teaching status, life cycle - grower, life cycle - decliner, life cycle - unstable), unit (total staff, skill mix, workload, number of beds, support services, patient technology, education, life cycle - grower, life cycle - decliner, life cycle - unstable), nurse, (experience, age), patient (age)				r <sup>2</sup> =0.512, p<0.000
Nelson-Brantley, Park, Bergquist-Beringer [42]	U.S.	To examine characteristics of the nursing practice environment associated with lower RN turnover	Secondary analysis	Staff nurses	162 acute care hospitals in the United States	n=1002 nursing units	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI		RN turnover	Linear regression	Practice environment characteristics, magnet status, hospital size, teaching status, hospital ownership, CMI, unit type, RN age, RN tenure, and RN education levels	RC=-0.16, CI -0.23 - -0.09, p<0.01





Tvedt, Sjetne, Heigeland, Løwe, and Bukholm [74]	Norway	To examine the associations between nurse-reported characteristics of the work environment and incidence of surgical site infections after total hip arthroplasty.	Cross-sectional	Nurses	16 Norwegian hospitals with 20 wards specialized in orthopaedic care	n=320 nurses n=2885 patients	Staffing and resource adequacy subscale of the PES-NWI (Q1, Q2, Q4)			Surgical site infection after total hip arthroplasty	Univariate mixed-effects logistic regression	OR=0.97, CI 0.95, 0.99, p=0.009		
										***	Mixed-effects logistic regression model	OR=1.00, CI 0.96, 1.02, NS		
										***	Mixed-effects logistic regression model	Interaction: elective procedure x staffing adequacy OR=0.94, CI 0.91, 0.97, p=0.001		
										*** for nonvalgus nonretractors		NS		
Weigl, Schmuck, Heiden, Angerer, and Müller [82]	Germany	To determine individual and shared associations between understaffing and psychosocial work characteristics and cardiovascular health outcomes in hospital nurses.	Cross-sectional	Nursing professionals	Intensive care units, operating rooms, anesthesia units, three inpatient wards, and the intra-hospital patient transportation services of an academic hospital	n=273	Perceptions of understaffing			Blood pressure	Regression	NS		
										***	Total cholesterol level	NS		
										***	LDL cholesterol level	NS		
										***	Blood pressure	OR=1.60, CI 1.05-2.43		
										***	Total cholesterol level	OR=1.42, CI 1.04-1.95		
										***	LDL cholesterol level	NS		
Williams and Murphy [44]	U.S.	To determine to what extent associations existed between objective measures of staffing adequacy, the patient care services provided under various staffing conditions, and charge nurses' subjective judgements of both these elements	Multi method design	Charge nurses	Four nursing units in a 316 bed private hospital and two nursing units in a 260 bed county hospital located in inland northern California.	n=204 shifts n=155 patients (waiting time and drug administration)	Unit staffing/care evaluation form	Setting (County medical, county surgical, private medical, private surgical, private coronary care, private post-coronary care)	Descriptive	County medical 19/30 adequate, county surgical 20/30 adequate, private medical 13/30 adequate, private surgical 17/30 adequate, private coronary care 30/42 adequate, private post-coronary care 33/42 adequate 2/6 units p<0.05, 4/6 units NS 1/6 units p<0.05, 5/6 units NS	Six units combined: Patient service (10 categories) Six units: Basis hygiene Basic feeding and toileting Mobility Medications, IV's Communication with patient/family Special procedures Observation of patient Vital signs Rounds with or assist MD Implementation of new orders without undue delay	Correlation	p<0.0005 (for all categories)	
								Census	Correlation			4/6 units p<0.05, 2/6 units NS 6/6 units p<0.05, 3/6 units p<0.05, 3/6 units NS 5/6 units p<0.05, 1/6 units NS 4/6 units p<0.05, 2/6 units NS		
								Number of maximum care patients	***			6/6 units p<0.05, 3/6 units p<0.05, 3/6 units NS		
								Staff hours available	***			5/6 units p<0.05, 1/6 units NS		
								Staff hours available per patient	***			4/6 units p<0.05, 2/6 units NS		
								Staff hour's available per maximum care patient	***			1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS 1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS 1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS		
										CCU/PCCU		1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS		
										Signal response: minutes	***	1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS		
										Filling of request: minutes	***	1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS		
										Number of analgesics	***	1/2 units p<0.05, 1/2 units NS		
										Number of tranquilizers	***	NS		
Zander, Dobler, and Busse [75]	Germany	To analyze whether the DRG implementation in German acute hospitals (as well as other changes over the 10-year period) had measurable effects on (1) the nurse work environment (including e.g. an adequate number of nursing staff to provide quality patient care), (2) quality of patient care and safety (incl. confidence into patients' ability to manage care when discharged), and (3) whether the effects from (1) and (2) – if any – impacted on the nurses themselves (satisfaction with their current job and their choice of profession as well as emotional exhaustion).	pre-post comparison with two cross-sectional sets	Nurses	1998/1999 29 acute care hospitals, 2009/2010 49 acute care hospitals	1998/1999 n=2681, 2009/2010 n=1511	Staffing items of the PES-NWI (items not reported)	Wave	Logistic regression	Female, professional experience>10years, part time, general medical ward, mixed ward, age	OR=0.405, 95%CI 0.339-0.484, p<0.001	Quality of care on wards	Logistic regression	OR=4.118, CI 2.822-6.009, p<0.001 OR=2.081, CI 1.624-2.666, p<0.001 OR=4.726, CI 3.390-6.590, p<0.001 OR=0.255, CI 0.199-0.328, p<0.001 NS
								1998/1999: Female			OR=-.709, CI -.521-0.966, p=0.029	Quality improved within the last year		2.666, p<0.001
								General medical ward			OR=1.837, CI 1.464-2.306, p<0.001	Patient safety on ward		OR=0.255, CI 0.199-0.328, p<0.001
								Mixed ward			OR=1.640, CI 1.164-2.311, p=0.005	Lack of psychosocial attention		NS
								Professional experience>10years			NS	Patients' ability to manage care after discharge		NS
								Part time			NS			NS
								Age			NS			NS
								2009/2010			NS			NS
								Female			NS			NS
								Professional experience>10years			NS			NS
								Part time			NS			NS
								General medical ward						NS
								Mixed ward						NS

2009/2010:	
Quality of care on wards	OR=3.004, 95%CI 2.360-5.202, p<0.001
Quality improved within the last year	OR=2.470, 95%CI 1.811-3.368, p<0.001
Lack of psychosocial attention	OR=0.336, 95%CI 0.245-0.459, p<0.001
Patients' ability to manage care after discharge	OR=2.058, 95%CI 1.443-2.935, p<0.001
Patient safety on wards 1998/1999:	NS
Satisfaction with current job	OR=1.920, CI 1.262-2.921, p<0.002 NS
Disatisfaction with choice of profession	NS
Emotional exhaustion 2009/2010:	
Satisfaction with current job	OR=2.914, CI 1.870-4.541, p<0.001 OR=0.440, 95%CI 0.284-0.683, p<0.001
Emotional exhaustion	p<0.001
Dissatisfaction with choice of	NS

**Abbreviations**

- ANOVA: analysis of variance
- AOR: adjusted odds ratio
- CI: confidence interval
- ED: emergency department
- ERI: effort-reward imbalance
- HPPD: hours per patient day
- ICU: intensive care unit
- MANOVA: multivariate analysis of variance
- NA: nursing assistant
- NCI: nursing care intensity
- NS: non-significant
- OR: odds ratio
- PCS: patient classification system
- Q: question
- RC: regression coefficient
- READI: Real-time Emergency Analysis of Demand Indicators
- RN: registered nurse