The Alignment of “Safeties”: Nursing Safety for Patient Safety

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**Question:**

• What is the Acceptable Nurse - to – Patient Ration?

(in a Hospital)

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B. 1 : 3
C. 1 : 10
D. 1 : 15
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Our Vision

Safer Healthcare for ALL
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Our Mission

To eliminate preventable harm in our healthcare system, by empowering patients and supporting healthcare professionals, through building capacity, partnering with all stakeholders in developing national policies, creating evidence based guidelines and executing programs.
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Global Ministerial Patient Safety Summit and Jeddah Declaration on Patient Safety with WHO

Patient Safety Curriculums

Safe Staff Saves Lives

SAWTAK National Patient Safety Platform

Saudi Patient Safety Taxonomy

National Patient Safety Award

Patient Safety Consortium & Data Benchmarking in Saudi Arabia

Patient Safety Foundation

Patient Safety Friendly Hospital initiative

Patient and Community Empowerment and Engagement
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Jeddah Declaration on Patient Safety
2019

2019 WHA: Global Action on Patient Safety Resolution!
Safe Staff Saves Lives

National/International Campaign
Collaboration between SPSC, national regulatory and legal entities and healthcare professionals.
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Evidence on workforce safety and patient safety is overwhelming.
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Why the need for the White paper?

We have a national commitment to ensure a Safer healthcare for ALL.

ALL = Patients + Healthcare Workforce!
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- Safe Nursing Ratios
- Second Victim Programs
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White paper highlights

- It presents the **evidence** that supports the need for safe nurse staffing ratios.

- Enhances the **impact of unsafe staffing ratios on patient outcomes** and, as important, on the workforce safety.

- It exposes the **business case for safe nursing staff ratios** regarding the Return On Investment (ROI) for institutions that strive for safer patient care.

- Describes the **recommendations reflected in the ICN Position Statement on Evidence-based safe nurse staffing, released in 2018** (ICN, 2018)
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SAFE nursing staff ratios
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**Important considerations:**

- **“no size fits all”,** nurse-to-patient ratio varies across wards, may vary within the same unit and throughout the same shift, and are thereby not rigid.

- Ratios must be **determined by each unit nurse management team** to safely meet patients and nurses’ needs.

- **Specific factors*** (...) must be systematically assessed at the unit level (...) as frequently as needed to ensure that the needs of individual patients and nurses are met throughout a 24-hour period.

- Consider the overall **availability of ancillary staff/allied health professionals.**

- **Evidence-based decision support tools** must be applied to better determine the safest nurse-to-patient ratios.

- The bottom line to determine nurse-to-patient ratios must be always the **safety of patient care and the safety of the nurses providing care** and not the number of staff available.
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National Press Conference
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Celebrity Power: Healthcare Vs. Mainstream Influencers for Patient Safety
Conclusion

• Safe Staff Saves Lives.
• Safe Nursing Ratios.
• Celebrities for Patient Safety.
• Nurses for Patient Safety (ICN)!
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