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| **Table 3.** Characteristics of the included studies | | | | | | | |
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| **Article**  **Year**  **(code)** | **Country**  **Setting** | **Aim** | **Participants** | **Methodology** | **Data collection** | **Data analysis** | **Critical Appraisal** |
| Bradley et al.  2013  [A] | Australia  Acute care/rural | Study empirically the process and outcomes of the implementation of nurse-to-nurse bedside handover in three rural South Australian hospitals | 9 inpatients (5 F; 4 M)  48 nurses (47 F; 1 M) | Mixed Method  (Ethnography) | Ethnographic interviewing, surveying, observations, journaling | Spradley’s Taxonomic Analysis | 8/10 |
| Cahill J.  1998  [B] | UK  Surgical ward | Capture, describe and provide an analysis of patients’ perceptions of the bedside handover | 10 patients (not specified) | Grounded Theory | Unstructured, tape-recorded interviews | Constant Comparative Analysis | 8/10 |
| Dellafiore et al.  2019  [C] | Italy  Cardiac surgery | Explore the perceptions of nurses regarding a recent implementation of bedside nursing handover | 16 nurses  Age 26-48 years | Qualitative descriptive | Focus Groups | Thematic Analysis | 7/10 |
| Drach-Zahavy et al.  2014  [D] | Israel  Surgical wards | Investigate patients’ participation in the handover as understood by both patients and nurses; examine how patients’ personality attributes are linked to patients’ participation; examine these effects beyond the encounter’s characteristics of load and the presence of other stakeholders | 100 nurses (75 F; 25 M)  100 patients (48 F; 52 M) | Mixed Method  (Qualitative descriptive) | Direct observations | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Greaves C.  1999  [E] | UK  Not specified | Explore how patients perceive the practice of nurses handing over care at their bedside | 4 patients (not specified) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Burnand’s Method | 7/10 |
| Grimshaw et al.  2016  [F] | USA  Acute care | Identify factors and aute care nurses’ perceptions influencing the frequency of change-of-shift report at the bedside | 7 nurses (6 F; 1M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Thematic Analysis | 7/10 |
| Hada et al.  2019  [G] | Australia  Medical wards | Systematically assess the barriers and facilitators to evidence-based nursing handover in a clinical environment, and to identify potential adopters and attributes of evidence-based nursing handover for translation into practice | 49 nurses (41 F; 8 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Focus Groups | Content Analysis | 8/10 |
| Jeffs et al.  2013  [H] | Canada  Acute care | page10image63341120Explore nurses’ experienced and perceptions associated with implementation of bedside nurse-to-nurse shift handoff reporting | 43 nurses  Clinical experience  0.5-41 years | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Jeffs et al.  2014  [I] | Canada  Acute care | page10image63341120Explore patients’ experiences and perceptions associated with implementation of bedside nursing handover | 45 patients (30 F; 15 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Johnson et al.  2013  [J] | Australia  Medical/surgical | Explore how nurses experienced the introduction of bedside handover and the use of written handover sheets | 30 nurses (25 F; 5 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Focus Groups | Thematic Analysis | 7/10 |
| Kerr et al.  2014  [K] | Australia  Emergency department | Explore the perspectives of patients about bedside handover by nurses in the emergency department | 30 patients (18 F;12 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Kerr et al.  2014  [L] | Australia  Medical/surgical/maternity | Explore perspectives of nurses and midwives towards the introduction of bedside handover | 20 nurses,  10 midwives (25 F; 5 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Khuan et al.  2017  [M] | Malaysia  Medical/surgical | page10image63341120Explore Malaysian nurses’ opinions about patient involvement in relation to patient-centered care during bedside handovers | 20 nurses (14 F; 6 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Focus Groups | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Kulberg et al.  2018  [N] | Sweden  Oncology | Describe registered nurses’ perceptions of person-centered handover | 11 nurses (11 F) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Lu et al.  2014  [O] | Australia  Medical/surgical/maternity | Explore patients’ perceptions of bedside handover | 30 patients (22 F; 8M) | Phenomenology | Semi-structured interviews | Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis | 8/10 |
| Lupieri et al.  2016  [P] | Italy  Cardio-thoracic surgery | Explore the postoperative cardio-thoracic surgical patient experience of nurses’ bedside handovers | 14 patients (4 F; 10 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Malfait et al.  2019  [Q] | Belgium  Medical/surgical/intensive care/rehabilitation | Explore the association between the nursing care system on a ward and the barriers and facilitators of the bedside handover | 106 nurses (not specified) | Mixed Method  (Qualitative descriptive) | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| McMurray et al.  2010  [R] | Australia  Medical/surgical/rehabilitation | Identify factors influencing change in two hospitals that moved from taped and verbal nursing handover to bedside handover | 34 nurses (not specified) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured observations followed by in-depth interviews | Thematic Analysis | 7/10 |
| McMurray et al.  2011  [S] | Australia  Medical wards | Interpret patients’ perceptions of shift-to-shift bedside handover in nursing | 10 patients (6 F; 4 M) | Descriptive  case study | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| O’Connell et al.  2001  [T] | Australia  Not specified | Describe strengths and limitations of three commonly used handover methods | 40 Nurses (not specified)  Patients (not specified) | Grounded theory | Field observations  Semi-structured interviews | Constant Comparative Analysis | 8/10 |
| Olasoji et al.  2018  [U] | Australia  Mental health | page10image63341120Explore the views of consumers with a mental illness, without prior involvement in nursing handover, about their need to be involved in nursing handover on an acute mental inpatient unit | 11 patients (6 F; 5 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Thematic analysis | 7/10 |
| Olasoji et al.  2020  [V] | Australia  Mental health | Explore the views of consumers with a mental illness about their experiences of being involved in nursing handover on an acute mental inpatient unit following the implementation of a change in nursing handover that involved consumers | 10 patients (4 F; 6 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Thematic analysis | 7/10 |
| Roslan et al.  2017  [W] | Singapore  Acute care | Explore nurses’ perceptions of bedside clinical handover in an acute-care inpatient unit in Singapore | 20 nurses (19 F; 1 M) | Qualitative descriptive | Focus Groups | Thematic analysis | 7/10 |
| Tobiano et al.  2017  [X] | Australia  Medical Wards | Explore and understand barriers nurses perceive in undertaking bedside handover | 176 nurses (158 F; 18M) | Qualitative descriptive | Open-ended question | Content Analysis | 7/10 |