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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] | AustraliaAcute 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]  | UKSurgical 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] | ItalyCardiac surgery | Explore the perceptions of nurses regarding a recent implementation of bedside nursing handover | 16 nursesAge 26-48 years | Qualitative descriptive | Focus Groups  | Thematic Analysis | 7/10 |
| Drach-Zahavy et al.2014[D]  | IsraelSurgical 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]  | UKNot 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]  | USAAcute 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]  | AustraliaMedical 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]  | CanadaAcute care | page10image63341120Explore nurses’ experienced and perceptions associated with implementation of bedside nurse-to-nurse shift handoff reporting | 43 nursesClinical experience 0.5-41 years | Qualitative descriptive | Semi-structured interviews | Content Analysis | 7/10 |
| Jeffs et al. 2014[I]  | CanadaAcute 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]  | AustraliaMedical/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]  | AustraliaEmergency 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]  | AustraliaMedical/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]  | MalaysiaMedical/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]  | SwedenOncology | 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]  | AustraliaMedical/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]  | ItalyCardio-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]  | BelgiumMedical/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]  | AustraliaMedical/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] | AustraliaMedical 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] | AustraliaNot specified | Describe strengths and limitations of three commonly used handover methods | 40 Nurses (not specified)Patients (not specified) | Grounded theory | Field observationsSemi-structured interviews | Constant Comparative Analysis | 8/10 |
| Olasoji et al. 2018[U]  | AustraliaMental 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] | AustraliaMental 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]  | SingaporeAcute 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] | AustraliaMedical 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 |