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*Evaluation of Nursing Knowledge of Early Initiation of Breastfeeding in Preterm Infants in a Hospital Setting*
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*Vietnamese Women’s Childbirth Experiences in Vietnam and U.S.*
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**Capstone Clinical Groups - Evidence Based Practice**

#24A Olivia Halvorson, Joseph Lee, and Melissa Myers
*Richmond Agitation-Sedation Scale: Is it the Best Scale?*

B Gabriela Aguila, Jena Mitchell, William Moore, and Vipra Patel
*Clean that wound! Tap water vs. Normal Saline*

C Sharon G. Casavant and Alyssa Karpacz
*Got Milk? First oral feed directly at breast improves odds of very low birthweight preterm infants receiving breastmilk upon discharge from the NICU*

D Megan Boyko, Siena Mariotti, Lauren McKulla, and Eldina Sabovic
*Implementing an effective fall prevention protocol*

#25A Kaitlyn Bell, Christine Latona, Taylor Meegan, and Briana Tafuto
*Glucose Screening of Asymptomatic Infants at Risk for Hypoglycemia*

B Claudia Aparicio, Zofia Fal, and Marybeth Sheldon
*Developmentally Supportive Care for Infants Aged 3-8 Weeks Hospitalized with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*

#25C Elizabeth Martin and Kate Porter
*Propofol Versus Precedex: The Right Sedation for the ICU Patient*

D Emily Bak, Tiffany Salguero, Shilla Thomas, and Timothea Vo
*Early Ambulation and Length of Stay*

#26A Caroline Alves, Kelly Lucas, Molly Fillion, and Natalie Kirkham
*A Study of Prophylactic Treatment for PONV*

B Laurie Anne Boisvert, David Ives Jr., Lindsey Weglarz, and Katrina Zawasky
*Medication Quiet Zone*
Emily Coyne, Nicole Jubelirer, Corrinne Kuzoian, Julie Rome, and Elizabeth Schilling
Implementing a Discharge Education Program to Prevent Future Cardiovascular Disease in Preeclamptic Women

Shannon Ferguson, Ryan McElroy, and Andrew Sanford
VTE Prevention in Oncology

Jane Goehrke, Staci Godbout, Shannon Hayes, and CJ Bangloy
Nurse-PCA Hand-Off Tool

Rebecca Budarz, Christine Chiello, Kayla Mosher, and Jayde Seyler
Breaks for Nurses

Joshua Cruickshank, Julia Reilly, and Jillian Scott
Reducing Hospital Readmission By Improving Medication Teaching at Discharge

Emily Burns, Margaret Keating, Abbey Lorenzetti, and Fabian Mok
Whiteboards Improving Patient Communication

Lindsey Sweeney and Rebecca Smith
Family Visitation and Education in the Intensive Care Unit

Abigail Dunlap, Eileen Victory, and Paige Wlochowski
Pediatric Pain - IV Access Teams and Pain Management with IV Access

Matt Canavan-Palermo, Emily Janice, Haley Olson, and Julian Shorter
Medication Education and Patient Adherence in the Acute Care Psychiatric Environment

Alayna DePaolo, Katherine Koley, Sarah LeLoup, and Elizabeth Marshall
Postoperative Glycemic Control

Courtney Egan, Sara Hughes, Micheala Sandor, and Nikki Yannatos
Stay With Me - UCONN Health: Critical Care Units

Alexa Campbell and Kelsey Richardson
Benefits of Bedside Shift Report

Jamal Daniels, Ashley Dettra, and Mitchell Friedman
Reducing “Isolation Fatigue”

Krystle Breault, Jenna Bromley, Izeem Hills, and Amber Morrone
In pediatric and adolescent mental health inpatients what is the effect of regular exercise on the self-reported levels of anxiety and depression?

Kimberly Gaertner, Lillian Tran, and Gregory Bernier
Infection Control Guidelines for Hospital Linen and Patient Privacy Curtains

Emily Lewis, Nicole Hopper, Megan Drummey, and Kelly O’Keefe
Changing the Culture of Intentional Rounding
Samantha Herlihy, Rachael Lembo, Jeanette Murphy, and Hailey O’Rourke
Best Practice for Nursing Handoff

Kimberly Gennaro, Leah St. Pierre, Enkelejda Ago, Brian Thalheimer, and Ally Bouchard
Patient Fire Risk Assessment in the Operating Room (OR) and Procedure Areas

Alexis Oseiwusu and Jillian Parker
Preventing Cervical Collar: Related Pressure Ulcers

Meghan McFarland, Kyle Dolan, and Emily Molina
Hourly Rounding

Natalia Dabrowska, Gabrielle Dragotta, Jacqueline Martinez, and Dahiana Rivera
Hourly Comfort and Safety Rounds

Jordyn Schrage, Alexis Warren, and Jazmine Myers
The short and long-term benefits of delayed cord clamping for uncomplicated vaginal deliveries

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