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Published Research

Pain associated with venous leg ulcers: the complexity of management

British Journal of Nursing, Volume 35, Number 12

Venous leg ulcers (VLUs) are a chronic and often debilitating condition, affecting a significant number of individuals worldwide. Despite advances in wound care, VLU-related pain remains under-recognised and poorly managed. This article explores the multifaceted nature of VLU pain and highlights the importance of a multidisciplinary approach.

Clinical Skills/Knowledge

Build confidence in your ability to get drug calculations right

Cancer Nursing Practice, 25, 4, 6-8

Medication errors are the most common source of preventable patient harm, yet are arguably the most avoidable. So what can nurses do to ensure they administer medications to patients as safely as possible?

Clinical challenges and solutions in wound care

British Journal of Nursing, Volume 35, Number 12

Wound care and tissue viability continue to evolve at a remarkable pace. Increasing patient complexity, workforce pressures, antimicrobial resistance, and growing expectations for evidence-based practice have created both challenges and opportunities for clinicians.

Clinical decision-making in emergency and remote care

Emergency Nurse, May 2026

Remote patient consultation is a fast-growing area of healthcare in the UK. Clinical decision-making in remote and emergency care involves the processing of information, evaluation of evidence and application of knowledge to select the most appropriate intervention for the patient and reduce the risk of harm.

Delirium in the critically ill adult: an overview of current theory and practice

British Journal of Nursing, Volume 35, Number 12

An awareness and understanding of delirium in the critically ill adult is of relevance to all adult nurses. This article provides an overview of delirium in the critically ill adult patient, discussing current knowledge and recommended practice across key areas.

Fever in young children: an overview of physiology, assessment and advice to parents

Nursing Children and Young People, June 2026



Fever is common in children and a common reason why they present to healthcare services. In many cases, fever in a child is caused by a mild, self-limiting infection, but it can sometimes indicate a serious condition requiring urgent treatment. This article provides an overview of thermoregulation and the physiology and role of fever. It also discusses the assessment of children presenting with fever, as well as the education and advice that nurses can give to parents.

Holistic nursing care for men with testicular cancer from diagnosis to survivorship
British Journal of Nursing, May 2026

Testicular cancer is an uncommon malignancy but remains the most common solid tumour in younger men. Nurses play an important role throughout the patient pathway, from early symptom recognition and diagnostic support to treatment management, fertility counselling, psychosocial care, and survivorship planning.

Nurses' role in detecting early and subtle signs of patient deterioration in acute hospitals
Nursing Standard, June 2026

Early recognition of patient deterioration is essential for reducing preventable harm in the acute hospital. While early warning score systems such as the National Early Warning Score (NEWS) 2 standardise the way patients are assessed and monitored, they do not necessarily capture the full spectrum of cues which can alert healthcare professionals that a patient is deteriorating.

Pressure ulcer healing in hospitalised older adults: a scoping review
Nursing Older People, June 2026

Pressure ulcers are a frequent complication in hospitalised older adults and require expert nursing interventions to address the multiple factors involved. The aim of this scoping review was to map the nursing interventions that facilitate pressure ulcer healing in this patient group.

Pulse oximetry: exploring its role, limitations and challenges in clinical practice
Nursing Standard, June 2026

This article describes how pulse oximetry works, discusses its limitations as a single metric and explores its applicability to the airway, breathing, circulation, disability and exposure (ABCDE) assessment approach and to the National Early Warning Score (NEWS) 2 'track and trigger' tool.

Reflective exercises for better communication
Nursing Standard, 41, 6, 36-37

Good communication is not a soft skill – it is a vital patient safety intervention that enables healthcare professionals to demonstrate empathy, sensitivity and clarity. Recognising the power of effective communication will enable you to preserve dignity, strengthen trust and enhance patient outcomes even within constrained systems. Here we look at six reflective exercises you can do to help improve your communication skills.

Strategies for responding to anger from patients, relatives and carers
Nursing Standard, June 2026

Nurses often have to manage anger from patients, relatives and carers in their practice. However, in emotionally charged situations, it can be challenging to maintain professionalism, respond with empathy and set clear limits. This article presents a practical, transferable strategy for responding to anger in healthcare settings using active listening and structured information gathering.



Supporting effective shared decision-making with people with dementia

Nursing Older People, June 2026

Shared decision-making is fundamental to person-centred dementia care but its practical application is often challenged by time, relationships, people's fluctuating capacity and organisational constraints. This article highlights how nurses can adopt communication and partnership approaches that prioritise the inclusion of people with dementia in decisions about their care.

What you can do to help reduce the risk of falls

Nursing Older People. 38, 3, 12-13

With around 250,000 inpatient falls in England's hospitals each year, falls are relatively commonplace. What role can nursing students play in mitigating risks? And might bed rails be one answer? Here's what nursing students need to know about the steps they can take on clinical placement to help prevent falls

News/Blogs/Editorials

Don't resist band 5 pay uplifts, nurse leader warns employers

Nursing Standard. 41, 6, 9-9

Nurses could take part in targeted local strike action against NHS trusts that resist increasing their pay as part of new role reviews for all band 5 nurses in England.

Proactive nurse-led unit with high ward visibility boosts hospital discharge by 83%

Nursing Standard. 41, 5, 6-6

A nurse-led discharge unit has helped improve patient discharges by 83% in a year, with staff taking a more proactive approach to identifying patients ready to leave hospital.

'Substitute doctor' – the claim that could be undermining vital work

Nursing Standard. 41, 6, 10-12

Claims that advanced clinical practitioners (ACPs) are 'endangering patient safety' are creating a toxic environment in which some nurses are being bullied online for defending their work, nurses tell Nursing Standard. Is the accusation that advanced clinical practitioners are being used inappropriately justified, or is it just divisive for nurse-doctor relations?

[Recognising What Internationally Educated Nurses and Midwives Bring to the UK](#)

Florence Nightingale Foundation, June 2026

Currently, just under one in four NMC registrants working in the UK gained their professional qualification outside the UK. No part of our health and care system can function without their contributions, but UK systems are not allowing organisations to fully harness the talent that internationally educated nurses and midwives bring.

Revalidation: my advice to ensure a stress-free process

Nursing Standard. 41, 6, 21-23

Every nurse and midwife in the UK, and nursing associate in England, must revalidate every three years to remain on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) register. This article is an NMC adviser's tips to help you avoid last-minute panic and stay in control of the documents required.