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Published Research

Artificial Intelligence Technologies Supporting Clinical Judgement in Nursing: A Scoping Review

Journal of Advanced Nursing, July 2026

This review aims to map and analyse how artificial intelligence technologies interact with and support clinical judgement processes in nursing across practice and educational contexts.

From silence to dismissal; nursing managers' strategies in dealing with nurses' professional misconduct: a qualitative study

BMC Nursing, July 2026

Professional misconduct in nursing can adversely affect patient safety, the quality of care, and public trust in the nursing profession. Nursing managers play a pivotal role in addressing such misconduct. This study aimed to explore the strategies used by nursing managers in Iran when dealing with professional misconduct committed by nurses.

Clinical Skills/Knowledge

Assessing and managing concerns about falling in older people

Nursing Older People, July 2026

For some older people, concerns about falling increase their motivation to adopt falls prevention strategies and can help to reduce their risk. However, for others, concerns about falling create a cycle involving loss of confidence and deconditioning, which increases their fall risk. Clinical guidelines recommend assessing and managing people's concerns about falling during all fall risk assessments.

Changes to determining deprivation of liberty in health settings

British Journal of Nursing, Vol 35, No 14

Richard Griffith, Senior Lecturer in Health Law at Swansea University, discusses the implications of the UK Supreme Court judgment that overruled the Court's previous decision on determining deprivations of liberty. Nurses are now required to adopt a holistic, multifactorial approach to the assessment of a confinement. Mental capacity is removed as the threshold for providing a valid consent to a confinement.

Effective communication in palliative and end of life care

Nursing Standard, July 2026

This article explores the multifaceted nature of communication in palliative and end of life care. It discusses some evidence-based models and frameworks that can guide best



practice and support nurses to communicate effectively. The article also considers the importance of self-care for nurses who are supporting patients and families in the palliative care context.

Effect of artificial intelligence on nursing documentation and patient safety

Nursing Standard, June 2026

Nursing documentation is a fundamental component of safe clinical practice. However, the demands associated with electronic health records have contributed to a growing administrative workload for nurses. In response, AI technologies are being explored as tools to support clinical documentation and improve the management of healthcare information. This narrative overview examines emerging evidence on the impact of AI on nursing documentation and patient safety, with particular focus on acute hospital care.

[Enteral feeding complications and nursing management](#)

British Journal of Nursing, July 2026

Enteral feeding is an essential intervention for patients unable to meet their nutritional needs orally, but it carries risks that require skilled nursing recognition and management. This article provides a practical overview of the most common complications encountered across the range of enteral tube types and outlines the nursing management strategies supported by current evidence and guidance.

Getting the sums right: building your confidence with calculations

Nursing Standard, 41, 7, 9-11

Medication errors are the most common source of preventable patient harm, yet are arguably the most preventable. Competent administration of medicines is essential to fitness to practise and patient safety. Here is a reminder of what you need to know.

[Hydration risk assessment and fluid balance monitoring in older patients at a community hospital](#)

British Journal of Nursing, July 2026

Adequate hydration and fluid balance are essential for maintaining vital metabolic processes. Accurate fluid balance monitoring is therefore a fundamental component of effective patient care. However, monitoring is often compromised by staff shortages, high workloads, time pressures, and limited training. In addition, poor awareness of its clinical significance, unclear roles and responsibilities, and workplace cultures that do not prioritise accurate recording may contribute to inconsistent practice and poor compliance.

Initial assessments in mental health nursing: engaging with the patient as a person

Mental Health Practice, June 2026

Mental health nurses conducting initial assessments need to simultaneously engage with the person on a human level and assess their mental health objectively. This article discusses several important aspects of initial mental health assessments. It describes useful tools and techniques and how non-verbal behaviours can enhance interactions with patients.

Prescribing and deprescribing antidepressants in older adults: a case-based discussion

Mental Health Practice, July 2026

Antidepressants are widely used in older adults, however specific consideration of physiological changes, polypharmacy, comorbidities and risks associated with these medicines in this patient group should be reviewed before commencing or continuing treatment. This article provides an overview of the issues surrounding antidepressant use



among older people and explores how independent prescribers can make safe, person-centred decisions when prescribing and deprescribing antidepressants for older adults.

Preventing deconditioning and incontinence in older people in acute care settings

Nursing Standard, July 2026

Hospital-associated deconditioning is a well-known condition. Many patients who experience deconditioning also have new or existing continence issues. This article explores deconditioning and incontinence among older people in acute care settings. It outlines the multifactorial links between the two conditions and reviews current practice with regards to continence care. The author also suggests some preventative strategies to reduce the risk of deconditioning and promote continence.

Rashes in children: role of children's nurses in assessment and management

Nursing Children & Young People, July 2026

A rash in a child rarely indicates serious illness. When nurses see children presenting with a rash, they need the skills and confidence to distinguish between those who likely have a serious condition that warrants urgency, those who likely have a clinically significant condition where appropriate interventions are important, and those who likely have a benign condition. Nurses also need to use professional terminology in their descriptions of rashes and to conduct accurate skin assessments across skin tones.

Understanding roles and responsibilities in CPR

Nursing Standard. 41, 7, 29-30

From chest compressions to emergency response, read our Q&A to develop your competence to practise safely

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[Supporting students in clinical practice](#)

RCN, July 2026

Clinical placements can shape a student's future career. By understanding neurodiversity and supporting reasonable adjustments, practice assessors and supervisors can help pre-registration and post-registration nursing students flourish in practice and deliver safe, compassionate care.

What can more junior staff teach senior colleagues?

Nursing Standard. 41, 7, 24-26

Reverse mentoring offers a chance to learn through colleagues' different perspectives – with benefits for both. It has advantages for those who are doing the mentoring, advocates say, as well as the leaders or senior figures being mentored and organisations more generally. Benefits for mentor and mentee can include better leadership skills and tangible improvements in the workplace.

[What the new NHS Leadership and Management Framework means for nursing](#)

RCN, July 2026

Lucy Muchina reflects on the publication of a new NHS leadership and management framework and sets out what will be needed in order for it to deliver for the nursing profession. For nursing, the ambition behind the Framework is welcome. For too long, leadership development has been inconsistent across organisations, with many nurses moving into leadership and management roles without the time, resources, or structured development they need to succeed.